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'CAPTAIN COMEBACK': As a steady rain falls, North Quincy senior quarterback Mikey Galligan crosses the goal line for a two-point conversion in overtime that lifted the Raiders to a stunning 43-41 win over the Quincy Presidents in the 92nd annual city football championship at Veterans' Memorial Stadium on Thanksgiving Day. Galligan rushed for a touchdown and also threw for three other TDs including a 38-yard 'Hail Mary' to senior wide receiver Tyler Cromwell as time expired in regulation that set the stage for the dramatic overtime win. More coverage begins on Page 20. Quincy Sun Photo/Robert Bosworth

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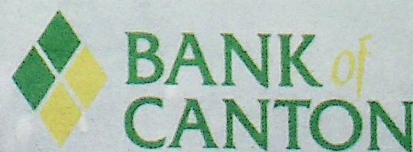
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139 Apartments Proposed Hancock St., North Quincy

By SCOTT JACKSON

A developer is seeking to build an eight-story, 139-unit apartment building on Hancock Street in North Quincy.

The Planning Board on Nov. 20 held a public hearing on the proposal by Tremont Quincy 1 LLC, led by Sam Slater, to construct the new building at 61-69 and 71 Hancock St. The board will take up the matter again on Jan. 15. The Zoning Board of Appeals gave its approval to the project in September.

The site on Hancock Street contains 36,000 square feet of land and is zoned Business C. It is home to Domino's Pizza and Bert's Electrical Supply.

This is not the first building Slater has proposed for the site in North Quincy. In 2021, both the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals granted him permission to erect a 16-story, 240-unit building on site, but the project never got off the ground.

"This project may look a little familiar to you because, to refresh your memory, we were back in here



139-UNIT APARTMENT building has been proposed for 61 and 71 Hancock St. in North Quincy. The eight-story building would have two levels of parking, with 134 spaces between them, on the two lower levels, with six floors of apartments above. The Planning Board will hold a continued hearing on the matter on Jan. 15.

Rendering Courtesy CBT Architects

with a larger project back in August of '21, a much larger project," said the applicant's attorney, David Mahoney.

"That project didn't get built for a variety of reason; we were coming out of Covid, the interest rates were high, commodity prices were high, particularly lumber."

The proposed building would include a two-level

podium garage with six stories of residential units above it. A total of 134 parking spaces would be located in the garage. Some of those would be tandem spaces, which would only be assigned to residents living inside two-bedroom units.

The residential units would be located on the six

floors above the podium. A majority of the apartments would be studio or one-bedroom units – 54 percent of the apartments would be one-bedrooms, 21 percent would be studios, and the remaining 25 percent would be two-bedroom units.

Residents living in the building would have access

to two deck spaces, plus a ground level dog park. The first space, including a pool, would be located on a deck located on the third floor above the podium. The second one would be on the roof of the building.

The building's exterior would consist of fiber cement siding. Architect Rob

Hagan said warmer tones were chosen for the façade.

"We have a robust tree canopy and public realm sidewalkscapes along Hancock with a vegetated buffer that really helps screen that from the traffic," he said.

"The design of the building was really inspired by

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NeighborWorks Proposes 24 Units Affordable Housing South Quincy

By SCOTT JACKSON

A local non-profit is seeking to build 24 units of affordable housing in South Quincy.

NeighborWorks Housing Solutions intends to construct the new four-story, 24-unit building on property it owns at 150, 152, and 156 Quincy St. Those three parcels contain 13,200 square feet of land and are zoned Industry A. A pair of single-family homes and a three-family home are currently located on site.

The Planning Board held a public hearing on the proposal on Nov. 20 and will take up the matter again on Jan. 15.

Each of the studio units will be approximately 300 square feet in size. The building would also include a pair of offices in which residents living onsite

would receive education on personal finance and other subjects.

"This property is being designed and built for low-income residents," said attorney Ed Fleming. "Those folks are going to be provided with services by NeighborWorks and affiliated companies whereby they'll be provided classes and education on personal finance matters, budgeting, nutrition and other related matters teaching these folks how to live independently on their own."

Rob Corley, the CEO of NeighborWorks, said the organization was originally based on Quincy Street. It has owned the three-family home on the street since the early 1990s – it was the first home the organization purchased – and all three homes

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• On Dec. 16, 1938, Adolf Hitler instituted the Mother's Cross, a medal awarded as part of an initiative designed to encourage women of "pure" German origin to grow the Third Reich's population. Each year between 1938 and 1944, gold medals were given to women with eight or more children, silver medals to women with six to seven, and bronze medals to women with five.

• On Dec. 17, 2010, a struggling street vendor named Mohamed Bouazizi set himself on fire outside the governor's office in Sidi Bouzid, Tunisia. That morning, his merchandise had been confiscated by a municipal inspector, as Bouazizi was operating without a government permit. His act was considered the start of the Arab Spring, a period of pro-democracy uprisings throughout North Africa and the Middle East.

• On Dec. 18, 1972, future American president Joe Biden's first wife, Neilia, and 13-month-old daughter, Naomi, were killed in a car accident while shopping for a Christmas tree when their car was struck by a tractor-trailer.

• On Dec. 19, 1843, Charles Dickens' beloved classic novella "A Christmas Carol" was published in London by Chapman and Hall. The first edition sold out in just five days, and the book not only has been adapted countless times in multiple media, but it has never gone out of print.

• On Dec. 20, 1940, superhero Captain America, aka Steven "Steve" Rogers, a frail man enhanced to physical perfection after drinking an experimental serum, made his debut in "Captain America Comics" No. 1.

• On Dec. 21, 2012, Korean rapper Psy's music video for "Gangnam Style" became the first YouTube video to garner a billion views.

• On Dec. 22, 2001, British citizen and al-Qaida member Richard Reid attempted to detonate homemade bombs in his shoes while aboard American Airlines Flight 63 headed to Miami from Paris. A flight attendant smelled sulfur and saw what he was doing, and fellow crew members and passengers restrained him until he could be sedated and strapped down with belts, after which the plane was diverted to Boston's Logan International Airport, where he was taken into custody.

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Nannyberry	Green, yellow, red, blue-black	2-8

Winter berries
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- Brenda Weaver

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Median Tax Bill Increasing \$320.40 To \$7,264.98

Average Home In Quincy Assessed For \$630,100;
Residential Tax Rate \$11.53 • Commercial Tax Rate \$23.01

By SCOTT JACKSON

The property tax bill for the median single-family home in Quincy is set to rise by \$320 next year, and the tax rates for residential and commercial properties will both increase.

City councillors on Monday unanimously approved a series of measures, all introduced by Mayor Thomas Koch, that will help shape the property tax rates for 2025.

The new tax rate for residential properties is \$11.53 per \$1,000 of assessed value, up from \$11.27 in the current year. The new tax rate for commercial, industrial and personal property, also known as the CIP rate, is \$23.01 per \$1,000 of assessed value, up from \$22.45.

The median single-family home in Quincy has an assessed value of \$630,100, according to John Rowland, the city's chief assessor. That is an increase of \$13,900 over the previous median assessed value of \$616,200.

The change in property values and the rise in the tax rate means the tax bill for the median single-family home in the city will increase from \$6,944.57 to \$7,264.98, a difference of \$320.41 or 4.6 percent, according to Eric Mason, the city's director of municipal finance. Next year's in-

crease of \$320 is less than the increase of \$531 seen between 2023 and 2024.

The tax levy for fiscal year 2025, the amount the city will collect in property taxes, is \$312.3 million, Mason said. Last year's levy was \$290.89 million.

During his presentation, Rowland said the total assessed value for all property in the city is now \$23.7 billion. Residential properties comprise 85.9 percent of that total, similar to previous years.

The assessed value of new growth in the city is \$471.39 million, Rowland said, and the city will collect \$7.18 million in property taxes on that new growth. Quincy's new growth number is the fourth highest among the 317 municipalities in the state that have finalized their new growth figures, he said. The city saw \$458.56 million in new growth last year and collected \$6.9 million in property taxes on that new growth.

The assessed values for homes in fiscal year 2025 are based on sales that occurred in calendar year 2023. There were 287 arms-length sales of single-family homes that year in Quincy, Rowland said; the median sale price for those homes was \$680,000. Squantum had the highest median sale price, \$810,000, followed closely by Quincy Center at

\$790,000. Citywide, three homes sold for \$400,000 or less, and 20 sold for \$1 million or more.

Councillors on Monday approved three separate items that Mason said would reduce the median tax bill by a total of \$183.25.

The first item was a cut of \$4.2 million from the line item for retirement and pensions, which will reduce the median tax bill by \$97.71. Mason noted the city took out a \$475 million pension obligation bond in fiscal year 2022 and Quincy had the fourth highest funded pension system in the state as of Oct. 1, according to data from the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission. The city's pensions were 101.2 percent funded as of that date.

The second item was the allocation of \$2 million in free cash toward the tax levy, a move that will reduce the median tax bill by \$46.53. Mason said the city had \$3.43 million in state-certified free cash available prior to Monday's vote, including \$3.2 million from fiscal year 2024 and \$223,927 remaining from fiscal year 2023.

The third item was the appropriation of \$1.68 million in unspent funds from prior fiscal years towards the budget for the current fiscal year, which reduces the

median tax bill by \$39.01. Mason said the vote would close out 565 separate purchase orders, the oldest of which was opened in 2014.

After those items were approved, councillors passed two other items directly related to the tax rate. The first sets the residential factor at 87.6863 and the second determined the percentages of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property.

Those votes to set the residential factor and determine the proportion of the tax levy borne of class of real and personal property mean the city will again tax residential and commercial properties at different rates. The difference between the two rates will continue to be the largest allowed under state law. Quincy has used a split rate since the 1980s.

Without a split rate, the tax rate for both residential and commercial properties would be \$13.15 per \$1,000 of assessed value, Rowland said. The split rate will collectively save residential taxpayers more than \$33 million next year, he stated.

Prior to those votes, Councillor Nina Liang asked Rowland about a residential tax exemption, which could provide a tax break for residents who own and occupy their own home;

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READERS FORUM SUBMISSION POLICY

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The Quincy Sun reserves the right to end debate on a topic after both sides have had ample chance to express their views.

The Quincy Sun reserves the right to edit or refuse all letters.

Robert H. Bosworth
Publisher
The Quincy Sun

Scenes From Yesterday



THIS IS A 1919 postcard view of what was known then as Klein's Corner at the intersection of Beale and Hancock Streets in Wollaston Center. Paul Klein, who lived a short distance away on Beach Street, owned the building and operated his drug store on the corner here until 1930. The drug store then changed owners and had a number of different names over the years. It later

became the location for Grandasia Bridal & Fashion Shop, a bridal gown shop catering to all sorts of special fashion needs. A second story was added to this building in 1927, but after all these years and changes many of the architectural details of the original building's storefronts remain the same.

From the Collection of City Historian Tom Galvin

READERS FORUM

Great Start Towards Maintaining Our Urban Forest

The City of Quincy's Department of Natural Resources and Public Works may have turned a corner on how they view the presence of mature, healthy trees in our neighborhood.

For years, new road and sidewalk reconstruction always meant that many existing older trees were slated for removal, regardless of health or size. However, over the last two

years or so of sidewalk reconstruction, many of our older trees were spared the ax.

That is a great start towards maintaining our urban forest and preserving the unique character of Quincy's neighborhoods.

John Luchini
Quincy

Citywide PTO Urges School Committee To Include Lunar New Year As A Holiday In 2025-2026 Calendar

The Quincy Citywide PTO has steadfastly supported the request of our Asian American families to recognize Lunar New Year as an official school holiday in the Quincy Public Schools (QPS). According to DESE (2023), 40 percent of our student population is of Asian heritage which makes this ongoing decision not to honor Lunar New Year as a holiday deeply disheartening. For three years, Asian American families and students have passionately advocated in front of the School Committee, only to face repeated rejection.

Lunar New Year is the most significant cultural holiday for many Asian families, marked by travel, months of preparation, and celebrations that bring loved ones together. Historically, as presented at the March 31, 2024 School Committee meeting, our schools have observed low attendance on this day, reflecting the importance of the holiday to our

community. By declaring Lunar New Year a school holiday, QPS would demonstrate respect for the culture and traditions of a significant portion of its student body and their families.

We thank School Committee Member Courtney Perdios, the Quincy City Council, and Mayor Koch for their unwavering support of this effort. The time has come for all members of the Quincy School Committee to show that they care about and understand the diverse school community they serve. We implore the committee to declare Lunar New Year a school holiday in the QPS calendar of 2025-2026.

Sincerely,

Jill Sabin, Co-President of Citywide PTO
Kate Campbell, Co-President of Citywide PTO

O'Donnell Says He Was Not Informed, Consulted In Registry Of Deeds Disaster Recovery Office Closing

Dear Norfolk County resident,

I am thankful for the privilege and opportunity to serve the residents of Norfolk County as their Register of Deeds.

It disappoints me to have to write this letter to Registry users and to those that rely on the land records at the Registry for title to their home. I was informed that the longtime Registry Disaster Recovery office in Dedham since it was established will be permanently closed by the County Chief Information Technology Officer (CIO) under the direct control and supervision of County Director John J. Cronin.

This Disaster Recovery Office was opened a decade ago as part of a business continuity plan should the Registry of Deeds building in Dedham become incapacitated. This Registry Disaster Recovery office was used during the COVID-19 pandemic and was part of the reason the Norfolk Registry of Deeds remained open and operational every work day during the pandemic. This story will sound familiar to those that followed the saga of the Norfolk County Commissioner and County Director John J. Cronin eliminating the direct report to the Register of Deeds Information Technology Department and staff.

This unfortunately is the sequel. The County CIO wrote that this decision had been looked at over the last 18 months. Yet in those 18 months neither I nor Registry staff were informed of any of this or even consulted by the County Information Technology Department or County Director. There has been no discussion about this matter with me nor my staff. Possibly the Disaster Recovery office could be kept in Dedham where the Registry has been located and doing land recordings since 1793 in addition to whatever planned new Disaster Recovery Office that hopefully gets opened.

This lack of discussion and transparency is a hall mark of Norfolk County Government operations. It is troubling especially when there was a recent "information technology incident" or breach of the Norfolk County Commissioners Administration office that was so bad employees are getting notifications at home from the County's insurance company to watch their personal accounts. It is all so troubling and compels me to let those who depend on Registry services to know about this development.

Sincerely yours,

Bill O'Donnell, Norfolk County Register of Deeds

Quincy's Yesterdays

This Week
1985
39 Years Ago

Burgin Parkway Extension Opens

"From the standpoint of vehicular traffic, Quincy just moved into the 20th century."

That's the opinion of Ron Zooleck, executive vice president of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce on the opening of the Burgin Parkway Extension which links Route 3 with downtown Quincy. "Our growth and strong economy at this point in time has been in spite of poor linkage with the highway system. Our salvation," Zooleck added, "has been, up to this point, the 'T' which has helped us dramatically."

Mayor Francis X. McCauley said he has received favorable comments on the extension. "People who have used it are very happy with it," the mayor said. "It cuts down on travel time, and hopefully it will show an increase in economic activity downtown. It takes the pressure off streets in South Quincy, and is a very big plus for the city."

Thirteen signs for the roadway were unveiled last week on Routes 3 and 128, and on the ramps directing people to Quincy Center, said state Sen. Paul Harold, a long-time proponent of the extension who went up in a bucket truck himself to help with the job.

Officials at the opening underscored the importance of the Burgin Parkway Extension opening, which took place 10 months ahead of schedule.

The \$6.5 million extension, which runs parallel to the MBTA Red Line, was part of an overall plan which included the construction of the \$25 million Quincy Adams MBTA Station, a new \$30 million ramp interchange at Routes 3 and 128 in South Quincy and Braintree, and \$3.6 million in flood control improvements developed by the MDC.

DUDEK SI'S CHOICE FOR HEISMAN

Joe Dudek, the former North Quincy football standout who broke every collegiate scoring record this year at Plymouth State College, was Sport Illustrated's pick for the Heisman Trophy awarded annually to college football's top player.

Dudek's photo appeared on the magazine's cover with the two favorites to win the honor - Auburn running back Bo Jackson and Iowa quarterback Chuck Long. The cover was headlined: "The Thinking Fan's Vote for the 1985 Heisman Trophy" with a check mark next to Dudek's photo.

Dudek's 70 career touchdowns broke Walter Payton's NCAA mark by 13 and the overall college record of Wilbert Montgomery by nine. His 5,570 career rushing yards put him in third place behind two other greats: Tony Dorsett and Charles White. During his four years at Plymouth State, the Panthers were 37-6 and won the New England Conference title every year.

Dudek called the cover and nod for the Heisman "incredible."

"This is the exclamation point in my career," he said. "What I wanted to do has been done. Now maybe more people will know about it. This caps everything off, it's put on the finishing touch."

(Editor's Note: Jackson was the top vote-getter for the Heisman Trophy in 1985. Dudek finished in ninth place ahead of Bowling Green State quarterback Brian McClure and Oklahoma State running back Thurman Thomas. Dudek received 12 first place votes in the balloting - more than Navy running back Napoleon McCallum and Notre Dame running back Allen Pinkett who received 8 and 9 first place votes respectively.)

QUINCYISMS

Played under the worst weather and field conditions since the 1945 game, North Quincy defeated Quincy 7-6 in the 53rd annual city football championship. About 6,000 braved rain, sleet and freezing rain throughout the contest at Veterans' Memorial Stadium. . . . Santa touched down by parachute at Faxon Field and took up residence at Cummings in Downtown Quincy during the holiday season. . . . McIntire's Studio, 679 Hancock St. offered instant color passport photos for \$4.95 plus tax. . . . The 68th anniversary of Finland's independence was celebrated at the West Quincy Congregational Church, 47 Buckley St. . . . The fifth grade class of David Ezickson at the Daniel Webster School hosted the 12th annual Thanksgiving Family feast. . . . A new pet shop - Fin, Fur and Feather - opened at 464 Washington St. and Southern Artery. The shop featured fish, birds, reptiles, small animals and dog and cat grooming supplies. . . . An estimated 250,000 people lined Hancock Street for the 34th annual Christmas Festival Parade which featured colorful floats, talented bands and an ample dose of holiday spirit. A float entitled "Not A Creature Was Stirring, Not Even A Mouse" by Catholic Daughters of Houghs Neck was the top float.

Programs For Adults, Families At MPL In December

By JEAN HLADY
Milton Public Library

During the month of December, the Milton Public Library is offering a fun array of programs for adults and families to enjoy before the holidays begin.

There will be a **mid-month final concert**, as part of our fall series, to celebrate the season on Saturday, Dec. 14, starting at 2 p.m. in the Keys Community Room. We will be bringing back the **New England Irish Harp Orchestra** and conductor Regina Daley for whom we have had many requests from the community. We hope you will consider joining host Jean Hlady for many familiar and festive songs, all arranged for and performed on beautiful Irish harps!

This wonderful group includes about 12 harpists, a fiddler, a drummer and more, and will even include a bit of Celtic dancing by Ms. Delaney to keep the fun coming. No sign-up is required to attend and this event is great for all ages. We would love to see you there, and please bring the family, to help us all catch some holiday spirit! To learn more visit: <https://miltonlibrary.libcal.com/event/13303545>.

Our Friends of the MPL volunteer chef, **Connie Spiros**, is offering a **virtual cooking demo for the holidays** on Tuesday, Dec. 10, starting at 6:30 p.m. Advance registration is required to receive the Zoom link to participate in this fun presentation called **"Cook for the Holidays."** Once signed up, you will also receive a shopping list and the recipes to have one week before the demo. It's a festive season and whether you're hosting a party, inviting a friend over after a long day of holiday shopping, or just cooking something cozy and comfortable for your family during a hectic time, Connie will share her simple, yet guest-worthy, recipes! You can cook along with her or just sit back with a note pad (and your favorite beverage), and watch Connie prepare the meal and share helpful hints along the way.

To sign up, visit: <https://miltonlibrary.libcal.com/event/13303543>. Please join Connie and host Jean Hlady, and we both wish you bon appetit!

Our **Monthly Wednesday Movie for Adults** will happen on Wednesday, Dec. 4 in the Keys Community Room starting at 6:30 p.m., and the film is called **"Ordinary Angels."** This showing retells the incredible true story of a hairdresser who single-handedly rallies an entire community to help a widowed father save the life of his critically ill young daughter. Sharon Steves sets her mind to helping father Ed Schmitt in a small Kentucky town to obtain a liver transplant for one of his daughters, and what unfolds is an inspiring tale of faith, everyday miracles, and ordinary angels! The running time is 118 minutes and it is rated PG. Read more about the title: <https://miltonlibrary.libcal.com/event/13303539>. No sign-up is required to attend, so just please join us to embrace a wonderful experience during this season of giving.

Chair Yoga with Marianne Zullas continues on Thursday, Dec. 5, from 3-4 p.m., in the Keys Room. This is a very beneficial practice for teenagers, adults, seniors, people in wheelchairs or those with physical disabilities or medical concerns. You will gain core strength, better mobility and flexibility, lessen stress, and aid mental clarity.

For more details and to register, as space is limited, visit: <https://miltonlibrary.libcal.com/event/13303539>.

Also **Adult Yoga** with Sheila Armstrong will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 17, from 7-8 p.m. in the Keys Room. Sign up to practice asanas (yoga poses) and breathing techniques to come into the present moment, and create more space in our minds and bodies. Space is limited so to register in advance which is required, and to learn more about the program, go to: <https://miltonlibrary.libcal.com/event/13347688>.

There will be a meeting of **Booked for Lunch** with staff member Sara Truog on Monday, Dec. 9, at 12 noon in the Conference Room. Please join her and others for a silent book club which includes a half hour of socializing and eating lunch together, and a half hour of silent reading time. We'll talk about what books we're reading and share our top picks (and maybe the duds too). Participants should bring a book to read and a bag lunch.

Read more at: <https://miltonlibrary.libcal.com/event/13346666>.

There will be another enjoyable food program happening this month with a meeting of the **Cookbook Club** which is co-hosted by **Connie Spiros** and **Sara Truog**, and the date chosen is Sunday, Dec. 8, from 2-3:30 p.m. in the Keys Community Room. Calling all cooks! Each club meeting will feature a selected cookbook, and members will prepare a tasty treat from the book to bring to the Library and share. The cookbook chosen for December is *Delish Insane*



DECEMBER PROGRAMS at Milton Public Library include adult yoga with Sheila Armstrong on Tuesday, Dec. 17, from 7-8 p.m. in the Keys Room.
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NEW ENGLAND IRISH HARP ORCHESTRA and conductor Regina Daley will perform in concert Saturday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. in the Milton Public Library's Keys Community Room.

Sweets by Joanna Saltz.

For more details about how this program works and to register in advance, visit: <https://miltonlibrary.libcal.com/event/13346741>. Enjoy!

And finally there are two programs scheduled for the evening of Thursday, Dec. 12. The first is our **Library Knitting Group** which is an informal drop-in for fiber artists which offers an opportunity for people to get together, bring a knitting (or similar) project to work on, and have others nearby for occasional advice. Please note that this is not a knitting class for beginners, but instead an opportunity to share current projects with others, to make new friends, and to learn tips and tricks at the same time. No sign-up is required but if you would like to be added to the coordinator's Email list for reminders, send a message to: jhlady@milton.ocln.org and she will connect you. For further details, go to: <https://miltonlibrary.libcal.com/event/13347221>.

This final knitting drop-in for the year starts at 7 p.m. and meets in the lower level Conference Room. (Then knitting will continue in 2025 twice a month.)

And the second Dec. 12 event is an **Adult D&D** program with host and Young Adult Librarian Tyler Vachon. Calling all adventurers! Join us for a monthly Dungeons & Dragons campaign! This is free to attend, starts at 6 p.m. and runs until 8:30 p.m. in the Keys Community Room, and no past familiarity with Dungeons & Dragons is required. In order to participate, you will need to email tvachon@milton.ocln.org for a spot on the waitlist, and to ask any questions about the program. More details at: <https://miltonlibrary.libcal.com/event/13347220>.

All of these events are kindly sponsored by the Friends of the Milton Public Library and are free to all. Questions? email jhlady@milton.ocln.org or call the Reference Dept. at (617) 898-4964. We hope you might visit us for a fun activity during December!

The Milton Public Library's website is www.miltonlibrary.org and we are located at 476 Canton Ave., Milton.



MILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S Monthly Wednesday Movie for Adults will happen on Wednesday, Dec. 4 in the Keys Community Room starting at 6:30 p.m., and the film is called "Ordinary Angels."

More Quincy news:

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NYC Performers Featured In 'A Swinging Christmas' Dec. 7

Christmas is coming to Quincy in a big way on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. at The Church of Presidents, United First Parish Church, 1306 Hancock St. Three powerhouse NYC performers Klea Blackhurst, Jim Caruso and Billy Stritch will star in "A Swinging Christmas" direct from NYC.

Since 2010, "A Swinging Christmas" has been a wildly successful extravaganza celebrating the holidays, at the historic New York City music room Birdland, to sold-out audiences and the show is coming here.

For tickets visit: brushfire.com/jmproductions/concerts/581382.

In the tradition of beloved seasonal specials, Blackhurst, Caruso, and Stritch plan to perform swinging arrangements of "Christmas Waltz," Kay Thompson's "Holiday Season," "Sleigh Ride," "I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm," and "Snow," among other favorites.

The cast includes Klea Blackhurst who is an actress, singer, and comedienne known for her award-winning tribute to Ethel Merman, *Everything the Traffic Will Allow*. She recently appeared at Carnegie Hall as Emily Whitman in *Follies in Concert*. She appeared Off-Broadway with Hayley Mills in *Party Face*, at City Center Stage 2.

Blackhurst starred in *Hazel* during its world premiere production at Drury Lane in Chicago, as Dolly Levi in the Fiftieth Anniversary production of *Hello, Dolly!* at The Goodspeed Opera House and as Miss Lemon in *The Nutty Profes-*

sor, directed by legendary comedian Jerry Lewis and featuring a score by Marvin Hamlisch and Rupert Holmes. Klea also played Rose in *Drury Lane Chicago's* production of *Gypsy*.

She's performed with symphony orchestras and in theatrical productions across the country and abroad including the London Palladium presentation of Jerry Herman's *Broadway* with Angela Lansbury, the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra tribute to Marvin Hamlisch, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, 15 Mabel Mercer Foundation Cabaret Conventions, New York's Town Hall, Jazz at Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, New York's 92nd Street Y Lyrics & Lyricists, The Chicago Humanities Festival and as Ado Annie in the BBC concert of *Oklahoma!* in London's Royal Albert Hall.

Joining Klea is Jim Caruso who most recently performed the role of Theodore Whitman in *Follies in Concert* at Carnegie Hall. He made his Broadway debut alongside Liza Minnelli in the Tony Award-winning *Liza's* at The Palace, singing, dancing, and celebrating the music and arrangements of Kay Thompson and the Williams Brothers. He has won seven MAC, nine BroadwayWorld, and two Summit Awards for his work in nightclubs.

At Carnegie Hall, he has performed with the New York Pops in tributes to Barry Manilow, Kander & Ebb, Bing Crosby (with Rosemary Clooney) celebrating Bing Crosby, and Bob Hope & Bing Crosby (with

Michael Feinstein). He was also honored to sing with a bevy of Broadway stars at President Clinton's First State Dinner at the White House.

For 21 years, Caruso has hosted the weekly showbiz bash, *Jim Caruso's Cast Party* at Birdland, Jazz at Lincoln Center, and across the country. He also stormed YouTube with seventy-six episodes of "Pajama Cast Party." Caruso produces the weekly *Broadway at Birdland* concert series and performs weekly with Billy Stritch at Bemelmans Bar at The Carlyle Hotel.

Rounding out the cast is Billy Stritch who is one of the premier singer-pianists in New York and national jazz and cabaret scenes. A chance meeting with Liza Minnelli in March of 1991 resulted in her asking him to create vocal arrangements for the record-breaking extravaganza *Liza Stepping Out* at Radio City Music Hall. In addition to his 25-year collaboration with Liza, Billy recently toured with the legendary Tony Bennett as Tony's pianist and musical director.

A solo entertainer in his own right, he has performed his own shows (including tributes to Mel Tormé and Cy Coleman) in concert halls and nightclubs across the country. Billy also serves as music director for such leading vocalists as Linda Lavin, Christine Ebersole, Paulo Szot, and Marilyn Maye. He is the co-writer of the Grammy-winning song "Does He Love You" recorded by Reba McEntire and Linda Davis.

Movie Review: 'Wicked'

By BOB GARVER

It was in the spring of 2004 that I first saw Idina Menzel and Kristen Chenoweth perform the show-stopping "Defying Gravity" from the Broadway blockbuster "Wicked" at the Tony Awards. Since that moment was over 20 years ago, it means that I have waited literal decades for a big-screen version of "Wicked." I've more than satisfied my appetite for the stage version, having seen it five times, once with Menzel still in the cast (sadly never with Chenoweth). But I've always wanted the vast production to be available to the world, with added scale and visual spectacle to boot. Now the wait is finally over, and the result is... reasonably acceptable.

The story takes place before, during, and after the well-known events of "The Wizard of Oz." As this film is only the first part of a two-part saga, it mostly focuses on the "before," though it opens in the "after." Glinda (Ariana Grande), the "Good Witch of the North," informs the citizens of Munchkinland that Elphaba (Cynthia Erivo), the "Wicked Witch of the West," has been killed via melting. The townspeople are overjoyed that the local villain has been thwarted, but some want to know how she came to be so wicked in the first place. Glinda recalls that their paths crossed years ago, and the rest of the movie is a flashback.

Elphaba and Glinda (as she was then known) were students together at the prestigious Shiz University. Elphaba's green skin made her an outcast even in her own family, and she was only allowed to attend so she could tend to her sister Nessarose (Marissa Bode), who used a wheelchair. Glinda was pretty and popular, but also spoiled and egotistical. Her (figurative) bubble was burst when, for the first time in her life, she wasn't given preferential treatment over someone like Elphaba. Goat-professor Dr. Dillamond (Peter Dinklage) couldn't even pronounce the first vowel in her name, yet got along with Elphaba



because she was kind to animals at a time when the land of Oz was turning against them. Magic professor Madame Morrible (Michelle Yeoh) also preferred Elphaba because she had natural telekinetic abilities while Glinda didn't have an ounce of magic in her body. Even studly prince Fiyero (Jonathan Bailey) found Elphaba more intriguing precisely because she didn't fall for his "brainless bad-boy" routine. The girls started off loathing each other, but became friends after Glinda (with selfish ulterior motives) got Nessarose a date with nerdy munchkin Boq (Ethan Slater).

Eventually, word of Elphaba's magical prowess reached the Emerald City, earning her an audience with the all-powerful Wizard of Oz (Jeff Goldblum). Glinda tagged along to meet the mysterious Wizard, and together the pair discovered that his power was more about charisma than magic, though the magic Elphaba could do was real. For example, she could give wings to the Wizard's monkey guards so they could fly. She could even give the power of flight to nonliving things, like a broom. After a

falling-out with The Wizard, Elphaba became the most feared person in all of Oz, but was it justified?

"Wicked" certainly succeeds in delivering the epic proportions that I demand, including an epic 160-minute runtime that I didn't necessarily demand. That's a mere five minutes short of the length of the Broadway show, and this movie only covers Act 1. Sometimes the extra length is good, it means that the movie can throw in bonus content like a stage show in the Emerald City that had the audience at my screening squealing with delight. Other times it just makes the movie plodding, or interferes with the flow of key moments. I hate to say it, but "Defying Gravity" is thrown off because the movie wants to do more visually than the song's traditional runtime will allow, so some extra beats have been added that I don't think serve it well. This movie has all the magic of the stage version and more. I just don't think I care much for the "more."

Grade: B

"Wicked" is rated PG for some scary action, thematic material and brief suggestive material. Its running time is 160 minutes.

Breakfast With Santa Saturday

Houghs Neck Congregational Church, 310 Manet Ave., will host "Breakfast With Santa" in Fellowship Hall (lower level) on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 to 11 a.m.

An elevator is available to transport strollers and seniors to the lower level.

Admission is \$5 for children 10 and under and \$7 over 10 and adults.

Price includes pancakes, sausage, juice, milk, coffee and a digital picture with Santa.



There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

Reservations are not required.

Wreaths Across America Talk At Quincy GOP Meeting Dec. 11

The Quincy Republican City Committee will host U.S. Navy veteran Christine Cugini, who currently serves as Quincy director of Veterans Services, at their monthly meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Thomas Crane Public Library, Quincy Center.

Cugini will share the story behind her successful advocacy bringing Wreaths Across America to Quincy, inspired by her experience laying wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

The Wreaths Across America annual event will take place nationwide on

Saturday, Dec. 14. In Quincy, a solemn ceremony will be held at Mount Wollaston Cemetery at noon, followed by the laying of wreaths on military graves across the City.

All are welcome to attend the talk at the library. For more information, email QuincyMAGOP@gmail.com.

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Girls State 'Unforgettable Experience' For Morrisette Representative

Makayla Lewis of Braintree, a senior at Blue Hills Regional Technical School, recently represented the American Legion Auxiliary Morrisette Post 294 at Girls State.

Makayla shared her Girl State experience at a recent meeting of the Morrisette Post Auxiliary. She has also written a summary of that experience which appears below.

By Makayla Lewis

I attended the Massachusetts Girl State Program June of 2024 at Stonehill College. I was sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Morrisette Post 294. I was a bit nervous going into the week as I did not know what to expect. I walked into the Corr Hall and was greeted by the other girls in my "Town." In Girls State we were all separated by "Towns" and "Cities."

I shared a room with one other girl named Laylanie. She was very friendly, and we got along great. Everyone within all the "towns" and "cities" were very nice and overall, very welcoming. We were given our shirts that we would be wearing for the rest of the week. They were gray and had the girls state logo in the corner.

After we got settled in our dorms we met our counselors. They were very nice. The counselors went over what we'd be doing for the



MAKAYLA LEWIS of Braintree, a senior at Blue Hills Regional Technical School, recently represented the American Legion Auxiliary Morrisette Post 294 at Girls State. Makayla shared her Girl State experience at a recent meeting of the Morrisette Post Auxiliary. From left to right: Sandra McCarthy, Makayla's mother; Abby Sheehan, Ellen Quinn, Lynn Borden, Karen Eames, Makayla Lewis, Nancy Connolly, Elaine Ritchie and Cheryl Brinkmann.

Photos Courtesy American Legion Auxiliary Morrisette Post 294

week, and some activities which were essential to our town upon completing Girls State, such as nominating candidates for office, conducting campaigns and holding elections. I talked to all of the girls in my "town" and we got to know each other more. Then we took a break for lunch where we found out we were learning the girls state song. They told us to memorize this song by the end of the week. We also sang it every day before lunch ended.

I decided to be in the House of Representatives where we discussed federal laws and bills that the Girls State citizens had written prior to the start of

the program. As the week went on each day, we attended electives and mini courses. Mine was House because I was in the House of Representatives. You also learn about the rights and responsibilities of citizens. I found it very interesting and was all new information for me. The bills were made up scenarios of something that would likely happen in real life. This gave us a great sense of how the government functions and how different laws are granted.

Midweek we held a big election and inauguration that parents were invited to attend. This was followed by the garden party. They had snacks and refresh-

ments with music playing. It was great to see my family for a visit and introduce them to new friends that I had made throughout the week. We also had a talent show. Even though I did not participate in it, I did enjoy watching all the acts.

The week came to end, and I had an unforgettable experience with Girls State. I am so thankful to the Morrisette Post for sponsoring me for the Girls State Program. Also, to my grandmother Cathy Lewis for telling me about The Girls State Program. I took a lot back with me in learning how our government functions and our country. This will be a week I will remember.



MAKAYLA LEWIS (left) with Karen Eames of the American Legion Auxiliary Morrisette Post 294. Makayla represented Post 294 at the recent Girls State program.

Saint Agatha School Opens Applications For 2025-2026 School Year

Saint Agatha School announces applications for the 2025-2026 school year are open.

The school invites families to apply for all grade levels, from preschool through Grade 8, and secure a place for their child in a supportive, faith-based, and academically enriching environment.

How to Apply:

Visit the Admissions Page: Begin the application process by visiting the Saint Agatha School Admissions page, <https://stagatha.org/admissions>

Create an Account: Set up a new account to start your child's application. You can return at any time to work on or complete the application.

Select the Correct School Year: Be sure to choose the 2025-2026 school year when applying.

Application Fee: A non-refundable fee of \$100 applies

for each application submitted.

Rolling Admissions: Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, so we encourage families to apply early to increase their chances of securing a spot for the upcoming school year.

For Families Not Yet Ready to Apply: If you're interested but not ready to submit an application, we welcome you to fill out an interest form to receive updates and invitations to our upcoming Open House events.

Open House Details: These events provide an excellent opportunity to learn more about the school, meet faculty and staff, and explore our facilities. A select group of student ambassadors help lead the tours. Upcoming dates: Jan. 25, 2025 - 10:30 a.m. and March 14, 2025 - 9 a.m.

For more information about the application process, visit <https://stagatha.org/admissions>.



STUDENT AMBASSADORS who played a key role during a recent Open House at Saint Agatha School. Photo at left: (left front) Maddie Sullivan, (seated) Cate Mazzeo, Aiyana Hernandez, (back left) Ema Leno, Victoria Veneto, (center) Amy Tewodros, (right) Amaya Patel and Sarah Mallenbranche. Photo at right: (from left to right) Sam Hennebury, Aydn Dejean, Corey Laflamme and Michael McGarry.

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Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty – Am I Entitled To More Social Security From My Ex-Husbands?

By RUSSELL GLOOR
National Social Security Advisor
at the AMAC Foundation, The Non-Profit Arm
of the Association of Mature American Citizens

Dear Rusty: I am 76 years old and a retired high school counselor/teacher. I was married to my first husband from 1968 until 1981. He is still living, and he remarried two more times and, I believe, he is currently divorced. He is 77 years old. His income was always much higher than mine. I was married to my second husband from May 1989 until we divorced in April 2017. My second husband died in June 2023. What I wonder is if I am entitled to receive Social Security benefits based upon the income of either of my ex-husbands? **Signed: Twice Divorced Spouse**

Dear Twice Divorced: Divorced spouses are entitled to the same benefits as a current spouse if their marriage lasted at least 10 years which, in both cases, yours did. The other caveat is whether your own SS retirement benefit is less than you are entitled to from either of your ex-husbands. If your own SS retirement benefit is less, then you will get an incremental amount on top of your own SS retirement to bring your total monthly benefit up to your spousal (or surviving spouse) entitlement.

Since your first husband is still living, it is likely that your best financial option is to claim a surviving ex-spouse benefit from your deceased 2nd husband. The reason is that survivor benefits from husband #2 are based on his actual benefit at his death, whereas benefits from a living ex-spouse (husband #1) are based upon his full retirement amount. In other words, it is likely that 100% of deceased husband #2's benefit at his death is more than 50% of living husband #1's current benefit at his full retirement age (FRA).

It is, of course, possible that 50% of your first husband's FRA entitlement is more than 100% of your second husband's benefit at death, in which case your ex-spouse benefit from your first husband could be more. The only way to sort this out is to contact Social Security (1.800-772-1213) to make an appointment to apply for surviving ex-spouse benefits from your deceased second husband. Explain that your first ex-husband is still living, and that you are unsure of what your benefits are as your first husband's ex-spouse. Social Security will be able to determine from their records which one provides you with a higher benefit amount (provide each husband's Social Security number when you call). As I said, your best financial option will likely be to take your survivor benefit from your deceased second ex-husband (note, however, if your first ex-husband also dies before you, you can subsequently file for a survivor benefit from him, if that is more than you are getting from your second husband's record).

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THE NEXT CHAPTER BOOKS & More has opened at 1147 Hancock St., Quincy Center (across from the former Masonic Temple, soon to be Mason's Steakhouse). They carry a wide range of titles from new releases to classics. Included is a large children's section with books, games and toys. They also have art supplies, journals, stickers, greeting cards and more. Stay tuned to @thenextchapterbooksandmore for scheduled author signings, classes, art shows and book clubs. From left to right: Tim Cahill, Quincy Chamber of Commerce; Kayla Barry Skinner, general manager; Olivia Picco, bookseller; Mayor Tom Koch; Helena Skinner, owner; Councillor at-Large Noel DiBona; and Quincy Chamber Board Member Larry Liuzzo.

Photo Courtesy Quincy Chamber of Commerce

139 Apartments Proposed Hancock Street, North Quincy

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sort of warm, natural colors, really thinking about the driftwood colors of the Neponset River trails and warmer tones of the other buildings in the Quincy area."

A two-story glass lobby would be located at the corner of Hancock and Newbury Streets. The entrances to the parking garage and a loading dock would be located on Newbury Street to the right of the lobby, Hagan said, to prevent vehicles from queuing onto Hancock Street.

During the ZBA hearing in September, some residents had voiced concerns about flooding further north on Hancock Street. While

the site of the new building is not within a floodplain, engineer Shawn Tobey said the project was designed to address concerns about flooding in the area.

"We did put a lot of consideration into the drainage to account for that. The vast majority of that water now just goes straight into the road, down the street, into the city system and contributes to that. So, what we did with this design is all the water coming off roof goes into" a series of underground stormwater chambers, Tobey said, which release water at a controlled rate.

Following the applicant's presentation, members of the Planning Board said the

new proposal for the site was an improvement over the plan that had been approved three years ago.

"I was digging through my old plans and came across the original plan here and I was looking at this one, comparing it," said John Kelly. "This is a much better version, I think. I like the way you described the color scheme and how you came about it. Even though the other project was good for the area, I think this will fit in a little better there."

"This is a much nicer project," said PJ Foley. "I appreciate you taking into consideration the gateway aspect. That's so important right there...It's going to

look so much better."

One person spoke during the public hearing on the proposal. DJ MacKinnon, one of the partners behind The Abby development at the North Quincy MBTA station, voiced his support for the new building. He said Slater's proposal would complement The Abby.

"I'd just like to say this will be very complementary to what we have done," MacKinnon said. "I think it's a good development for the area, it's well-thought out, very good development team, excellent local counsel, and I think it will be a great development for the city, so I just want to speak in favor of it."

NeighborWorks Proposes 24 Units Affordable Housing South Quincy

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are presently used for affordable housing for low-income residents.

"We've had unrelated individuals, older women and men coming out of homelessness living in these properties for over 15 to 20 years now," Corley said.

"This development is very exciting to us because it is a building with an elevator, it creates more density, it's a more efficient unit, a better unit. Each unit has its own bathroom, which provides a more dignified existence for our residents."

The new building would include 12 parking spaces.

Corley said a similar building in Quincy Point opened a year and a half ago, and none of the residents had their own vehicle.

Ward 4 Councillor James Devine voiced his support for the proposed new building. He recalled being there when NeighborWorks opened its latest property in Quincy Point and asking if there was a way to put something like it in his district.

"It's amazing to think the 24 small units, some people would think they're so small, but to each one of those individuals the pride, the dignity, the safety that

they feel is unbelievable and I said, 'if you have anything like this in Ward 4, please tell me.' Well about seven months later I got a phone call, he said, 'were you serious?' and I said, 'of course I am,'" Devine said.

"This is beautiful. This is exactly what we should be doing as much as we can."

James Dunn, a Babcock Street resident, also voiced his support for the development.

"I just want to give you my support for this project. Anything that Mr. Corley wants to do," Dunn said, suggesting the building could be named for Nor-

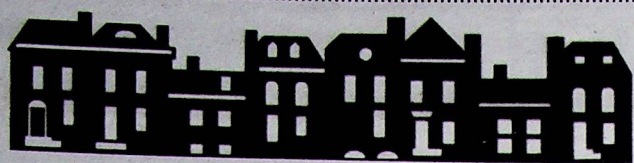
mand Grenier, Corley's predecessor.

One resident of Quincy Street also spoke at the hearing. He said he supported the project but had questions about the impact of construction on his home and if anyone would be staffing the new building overnight. Corley said there would not be someone on staff there overnight, but NeighborWorks does have property management staff available 24-7. Corley also said the organization would be willing to work with the neighbor to address his concerns about construction.

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43 Stedman Street

Exploring Early Deeds: September - October 1793

In the spirit of exploring Norfolk County's rich history, Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell has set out to discover some of its earliest deeds recorded from various communities throughout the County.

Land records at the Registry can shed light on some of the earliest property transactions that occurred in the early years after Norfolk County was established, offering insight into the origins of landownership in the region. It is possible to reveal the names of early settlers and prominent figures who may have played significant roles in shaping the communities they lived in.

"There is a wealth of historic information in the more than 13.1 million land records recorded in 42,122 Registry books dating back to when Norfolk County was created in 1793 and stored at The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds and available online at <https://www.norfolkregistry.org>," said Norfolk County Register of Deeds

William P. O'Donnell. "We have also made this research process even easier for you through our History Comes Alive Transcription Program where all the Registry documents written in hard-to-read cursive penmanship from 1793 to 1900 were transcribed into clearly readable print."

This first of a four-part series focuses on real estate transfers that occurred between September 1793 and October 1793, during the County's formative months following Governor John Hancock's signing of the legislation that established Norfolk County on June 20, 1793.

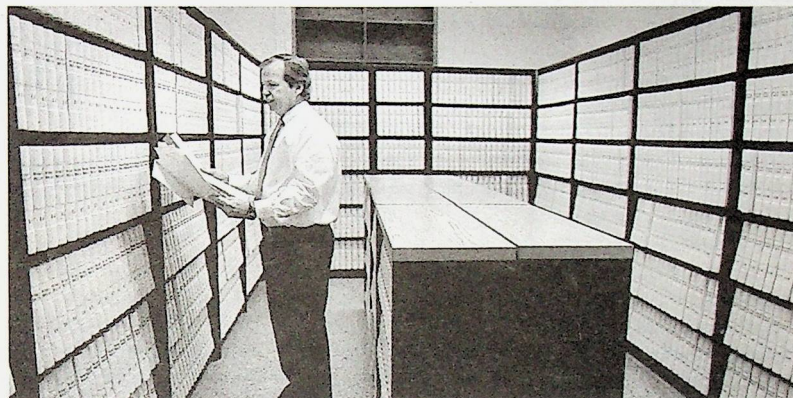
The very first document recorded in Book 1 Page 1 is a partition of land in Foxborough between Bazaliel Bryant, Francis Jones, and John Robinson. The owners marked the limits of the property with heaps of stone and divided it into three separate lots. Among their neighbors was John Carpenter, brother to Revolutionary War veteran Ezra Carpenter of Foxborough.

It has been over 230 years since Norfolk County was founded, but the second deed recorded at the

Registry in Book 1, Page 2, mentions a section of meadowlands known as Green Lodge Meadow, an area of Dedham still known as Green Lodge. Ebenezer Fairbanks bought the property from David and Jemima Everett. The property that Ebenezer purchased is situated a little over a mile away from the home built by his great-great-grandfather, Jonathan Fairbanks, which still stands today and is the oldest known timber frame house still standing in North America.

Book 1, Page 5, contains a deed from Wrentham that transfers property from Beulah Edes to John Trescott. This deed contains some clues about John Trescott, he was from Dorchester, lived during the 1790s, and worked as a baker. These clues indicate that John Trescott may be the father of famed Revolutionary War hero Major Lemuel Trescott. Major Trescott led the successful raid against Fort Slongo in 1781.

In the fall of 1793, David Day sold a small home with a barn to brother Joseph Day for 60 pounds, recorded in Book 1, Page 19. Seven years later, Joseph



NORFOLK COUNTY REGISTER of Deeds William P. O'Donnell has set out to discover some of its earliest deeds recorded from various communities throughout the county. Courtesy Photo

Day sold the property for 65 pounds, recorded in Book 13, Page 133, to another brother, Ebenezer Day, who is the father of leather trader Joseph Day. Joseph Day the leather trader and son of Ebenezer Day is known for his connection to the Norwood landmark, the Fred Holland Day House.

In book 1, page 20, is a deed from Nathaniel Guild to his son Nathaniel Guild, Jr., recorded just 28 years after the town of Sharon became incorporated. In 2024, more than two centuries after the original purchase of the property, you might find yourself on Nathaniel Guild Road while driving through Sharon, as this road named after this owner still remains today.

On Halloween, 1793, Timothy and Mary Shepard sold property to Sara Townsend for 85 pounds, as recorded in Book 1, Page 26. Sara was the daughter of Reverend Jonathan Townsend, who was the First Parish of Medfield's minister from 1745-1769. Also, in 1760, during the Revolutionary War, Reverend Townsend served as chaplain in Colonel Bagley's regiment at Louisburg.

Recorded in Book 1, Page 27, is a deed from Stoughton conveying property from James and Lydia Lewis to their son, Laban Lewis. Laban was a shoemaker working in an area of Stoughton that in 1797 would become the Town of

Canton. Laban's Diary can be found in the archives of the Canton Historical Society titled "Diary of Laban Lewis: Day-to-Day Life of Mr. Lewis," June 1803 - Oct. 1810.

"The primary mission of the registry is always the security, accuracy, and accessibility of our communities' land records and reliable service to the residents of Norfolk County, but if you think about it, the registry also records history every day, accurately preserving a detailed chain of events on Norfolk County properties from 1793 to the present," O'Donnell said.

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All land record research information can be found on the Registry's website, www.norfolkdeeds.org.

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ADVANCED AUTO PARTS recently celebrated the opening of their second Quincy location at 475 Hancock St., in the Ranch 99 Marketplace in North Quincy. Shown here at a ribbon-cutting are (from left to right) Kathy Sabina, Awilda Castillo, District Manager Michael Cambria, Mayor Tom Koch, Michael Jackson, Nicole Cosby and Tim Cahill of the Quincy Chamber of Commerce.

Photo Courtesy Quincy Chamber of Commerce



DILLON'S HEALTH SPA & The Supplement Station recently held their grand opening at 81 Copeland St. (site of the legendary Finland Steam Baths). Dillon's offer private co-ed steam rooms, saunas, cold plunge and Vitamin C showers designed to detoxify, rejuvenate and provide the ultimate escape from daily life. The Supplement Station (next door) is a one-stop shop for premium fitness and wellness supplements. Attending the recent ribbon-cutting from left to right: Tim Cahill, president of the Quincy Chamber of Commerce; Lisa Rizzo, Angela Videtta, owner Anthony Rizzo, Mayor Tom Koch, Councillor-at-Large Noel DiBona and Council President and Ward 3 Councillor Ian Cain.

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Quincy Choral Society, ENC To Present Handel's Messiah

At 4 P.M. Sunday, Dec. 15,
Wollaston Church Of The Nazarene

Quincy Choral Society and members of the Eastern Nazarene College community will perform George Frederic Handel's Messiah, under the direction of Sarah Labrie, Artistic Director of Quincy Choral Society.

The traditional presentation of Messiah at Eastern Nazarene College began 90 years ago with the addition of Esther Williamson to the faculty in the fall of 1934. QCS and ENC are proud to partner together to continue this cherished tradition, bringing the timeless beauty of Messiah to our community.

The soloists for Messiah are Erin Matthews, soprano, Ashley Mulcahey, alto, Jason Connell, tenor, and Brandon Grimes, bass. The performance will include orchestra, organ, and harpsichord. The concert will be held at Wollaston Church of the Nazarene, 37 E. Elm Ave., Quincy, on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 4 p.m. The church is handicapped accessible.

General admission is \$20. Tickets are available from choir members, online at <https://curb.com/40087/project/127291> or at the door.

Erin Matthews is a highly sought-after soprano and teacher in the Boston area. She has been seen most recently in a variety of roles including Olympia (Les contes d'Hoffmann), Flora (Turn of the Screw), Marzelline (Fidelio), Noémie (Cendrillon), Despina (Cosi fan tutte), and Johanna (Sweeney Todd). She is currently pursuing her D.M.A. at Boston University in addition to maintaining a full performance and teaching schedule.

A proud Quincy resident, Ashley Mulcahy is a mezzo-soprano active as a soloist and ensemble singer. She has performed with ensembles including the Boston Early Music Festival, Handel and Haydn Society, Newberry Consort, Parthenia Viol Consort, Blue Hill



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Bach Festival, Upper Valley Baroque, and Ensemble Altera. She has worked as a Choral Fellow at BU's

Marsh Chapel since 2019. Tenor Jason Connell performs regularly with ensembles and opera com-

panies throughout New England. He holds degrees from the New England Conservatory and Virginia Commonwealth University. Connell's lifelong passion has always been choral music, whether singing or conducting. His operatic performances include Fernando (Cosi fan tutte), Don Ramiro (La Cenerentola), Rinuccio (Gianni Schicchi), and Ralph Rackstraw (H.M.S. Pinafore).

Brandon Grimes has a varied career in acting and singing. He has appeared with the Boston Symphony Orchestra as Henry Ford (Ragtime). Grimes is currently singing in the Holiday Singers Octet at the Boston Pops' holiday family matinees. The son of accompanist Gingy Grimes, he has had a long association with Quincy Choral and has been soloist with them in several performances. He has performed off-Broadway, on national tours, and in regional theaters as well as on television.

Boston-based conductor, singer, and music educator, Sarah Labrie, is a Choral Director at Lexington High School in Lexington, MA. In spring 2023 she was recognized for significant contributions to Arts and Culture as Artistic Director of Quincy Choral Society and was awarded the prestigious Abigail Adams Award from the City of Quincy and Mayor Thomas P. Koch. Labrie actively sings with the Tanglewood Festival Chorus and Boston Symphony Orchestra and in numerous other choral performances

throughout North America and Europe. She has also sung professionally in symphonic choirs alongside the New York Philharmonic, Boston Pops, Vienna Philharmonic, Vienna Chamber Orchestra, Philadelphia Orchestra, and New Jersey Symphony Orchestra.

Virginia "Gingy" Grimes, a graduate of Duke University, has served as collaborative accompanist for Quincy Choral Society since 1993. She is pianist for North Quincy and Quincy High Schools. Ms. Grimes also teaches and accompanies at Milton Academy. She is the proud mother of Brandon Grimes.

Quincy Choral Society was founded in 1981 for the purpose of bringing musical excellence to the South Shore and the world. In December 2015, the Quincy City Council recognized Quincy Choral Society for bringing music and joy to the City of Quincy for 35 years. The chorus performs locally and has performed in music festivals in Washington, D.C., in Europe, at Carnegie Hall as part of the Masterworks Series, and most recently in Montreal and Quebec.

In September 2018, the chorus participated in the Dedication of the Hancock-Adams Common. The chorus appeared at the invitation of Mayor Thomas Koch at Quincy's Pops concert in September 2022, and since then this collaborative concert with the Quincy Symphony Orchestra has been an annual highlight of the Quincy community.



FAT BOY BBQ, a new and popular Cantonese-style restaurant recently celebrated its grand opening at 649 Hancock St. in Wollaston Center (across from Hamel-Lydon Chapel). The menu includes signature roast pork, duck and chicken dishes, prepared daily using only the freshest meats and ingredients. For a limited time FAT BOY is taking special orders including holiday offerings of BBQ turkey and roasted pig. From left to right: Head Chef Zhi Feng Mei and chef Heng Cong Mei (in aprons), co-owner Russell Chin, Mayor Tom Koch, Councillor-at-Large Noel DiBona, Quincy Chamber President Tim Cahill, co-owner Yandi Huang and Teresa Wei (in apron). Photo Courtesy Quincy Chamber of Commerce

License Board OKs Five Requests

By SCOTT JACKSON

At its most recent meeting, the Board of License Commissioners granted five requests.

Approved on the afternoon of Nov. 26 were:

- The request of Ward 4 Councillor James Devine for a one-day liquor license for the annual tree lighting at Shea Park on Copeland Street. That will take place on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 4 to 6 p.m. This will be the fourth year the tree lighting has been held, according to Mary McKenna. It will include appearances from

costumed characters like Santa Claus and The Grinch. Pizza and hot chocolate will be available in addition to liquor.

- The request of Hero Hospitality for a pair of one-day liquor licenses for events scheduled at 1200 Crown Colony Dr. They include a client appreciation event for Baker, Braverman & Bravado PC from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12, and a corporate gathering for Magellan Jets on Wednesday, Dec. 18, from 5 to 9 p.m.

- The request of Magik

Holdings Inc. d/b/a Mirchi Nation for a common victualler license for the premises at 13 Scammell St., formerly home to Raja Rani. Its hours of operation will be 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

- The request of Apple New England Inc. d/b/a Applebee's for a change in manager on its all-alcohol beverages license at 200 Hancock St. to Pierre Neal. Neal said he has worked for Applebee's for 15 years and has been the general manager of the North Quincy for the past two months.

- The request of the City

of Quincy for a one-day liquor license for the annual tree lighting ceremony on the Hancock-Adams Common, which took place on Nov. 29.

In other business at the Nov. 26 meeting, City Clerk Nicole Crispo reviewed holiday hours for liquor sales. No retail alcohol sales are allowed on either Thanksgiving or Christmas Day, but retailers are allowed to stay open until 11:30 p.m. the previous nights, Nov. 27 and Dec. 24. Restaurants are not allowed to sell alcohol until noon on Christmas Day.

More Quincy news:

The Quincy Sun.com

Manet Community Health Earns Joint Commission Accreditation

Manet Community Health (Manet) has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for Ambulatory Health Care Accreditation by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. The Gold Seal is a symbol of quality that reflects a health care organization's commitment to providing safe and quality patient care. Manet has been continuously accredited since 1999.

The Joint Commission's standards are developed in consultation with health

care experts and providers, measurement experts and patients. They are informed by scientific literature and expert consensus to help health care organizations measure, assess and improve performance. The surveyors also conducted onsite observations and interviews.

"As a healthcare accreditor, The Joint Commission works with healthcare organizations across care settings to inspire safer and higher quality of care that is more equitable and compassionate," says Ken Grubbs,

DNP, MBA, RN, executive vice president of Accreditation and Certification Operations and chief nursing officer, The Joint Commission. "Through collaborating on innovative solutions and evidence-based resources and tools, The Joint Commission helps drive improvement while maintaining accountability through our leading survey methods and standards. We commend Manet Community Health for its commitment to advance safety, quality, equity and compassion for all patients."

Manet underwent a rigorous, unannounced three-day onsite review from Aug. 28 to Aug. 30, 2024. During the visit, a team of Joint Commission reviewers visited each of Manet's eight practice locations in Quincy, Hull, Taunton and Attleboro, and evaluated them for compliance with Ambulatory Health Care standards spanning several areas including emergency management, environment of care, infection prevention and control, leadership, medication management, and rights and responsibilities of the individual.

"We are extremely proud to have once again earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal. At Manet, we believe it is imperative to remain in a steady state of compliance and readiness to ensure the very best quality and safety for our patients

and staff," said Manet Chief Executive Officer Cynthia Sierra. "Evidence of this is clear as well from our most recent successful US Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) operational site visit. Congratulations to Team Manet for this achievement!"

Safford Park Tree Lighting Friday

The Wollaston Hill Neighborhood Association, The Bernazxani School PTO, and Ward 3 Councilor Ian Cain will host the 22nd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Safford Park on Friday, Dec.

6th beginning at 6 p.m. Enjoy a fun sing-along and hot chocolate at Safford Park, with a special appearance by Santa to help us illuminate Clara Yeomans's tree - a beautiful centerpiece at the park. All are welcome.

NQHS To Compete On High School Quiz Show

North Quincy High School is among 17 teams that will compete on the Season 16 of High School Quiz Show, GBH's Emmy award-winning academic tournament for Massachusetts high schools.

The top 17 teams earned the highest scores on a written quiz at High School Quiz Show's Super Sunday qualifying events at GBH in Brighton on Nov. 17 and on Nov. 18 at GBH's sister station, New England Public Media in Springfield. A total of 65 high school teams from across the Commonwealth competed for a chance to join the High School Quiz Show bracket.

Defending their title from last season, Lexington High School (Season 7 and 8 winner) will return after winning Season 15 in a final against Cambridge's Buckingham Browne & Nichols School (Season 14 winner), which is also back this season. Joining them are Acton-Boxborough Regional High School (Season 5 winner), Andover High School (Season 9 winner), and North Quincy High School (Season 4 and 13 winner).

Four schools will make their High School Quiz Show debut, including Deerfield Academy, Maimonides School, Milton Academy, and St. John's Prep.

"Congratulations to all of the teams joining the Season 16 bracket for High School Quiz Show, and thank you to all of the schools who joined us for Super Sunday," said GBH Executive Producer and Director of Youth Media Hillary Wells. "High School Quiz Show remains a celebrated showcase for academic talent from all across the state. We look forward to watching these 17 teams, from returning victors to first-time competitors, represent their schools and vie for the title of High School Quiz Show State Champion."

The top 15 teams with the highest scores earned an automatic spot in the competition bracket. Two additional teams, representing high-scoring schools that have not previously been on the show or have not competed in five or more years, will face off in a Wild Card match for the 16th and final spot on the bracket.

This season, those teams are Deerfield Academy and Milton Academy.

Hosted by Joe Hanson, the 16-round academic tournament will feature teams of four students competing head-to-head, with the winners advancing through each round until the final two teams face off for the State Championship. High School Quiz Show Season 16 will premiere on GBH 2 and the High School Quiz Show YouTube channel on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 6 pm ET.

The full list of teams competing for the title of Season 16 High School Quiz Show State Champion is as follows:

- Acton-Boxborough Regional High School
- Andover High School
- Belmont High School
- Buckingham Browne & Nichols School (Cambridge)
- Deerfield Academy
- Hopkinton High School
- Lexington High School
- Maimonides School (Brookline)
- Mansfield High School
- Milton Academy
- North Quincy High School

- Saint John's High School (Shrewsbury)
- St. John's Prep (Danvers)
- Sharon High School
- Somerville High School
- South High Community School (Worcester)
- Weston High School

Major funding for High School Quiz Show is provided by Safety Insurance. Additional funding is provided by the Museum of Science, Massachusetts Teachers Association, Xfinity, UMass Amherst, and Subaru of New England. High School Quiz Show is endorsed by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education and the Massachusetts PTA.

For more information, visit highschoolquizshow.org and follow the show on YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram.

December Events At Eustis Estate

Celebrate the season at the Eustis Estate this December. The 1878 mansion, located at 1424 Canton Ave. in Milton, will be decorated for the holidays and will feature several special events, including:

- Christmas Cheers on Dec. 5 and 19, 7-9 p.m.: Enjoy appetizers and drinks in the living hall, then explore the lavishly decorated Gilded Age mansion while live holiday music fills the air.

- Gilded Glow Concert with The Harper and The Minstrel on Dec. 12, 6-8 p.m.: Raise a glass to the season, explore the house, then settle in for a gorgeous, historically inspired performance of Medieval, Renaissance, Celtic Wynter Music, and Victorian Christmas carols sung and played on a variety of traditional instruments.

- Holiday Tea on Dec. 17, 3-5 p.m.: Relax in the beautifully decorated living hall and enjoy tea sandwiches, scones, and other treats from the Vintage Tea and Cake Company. Optional champagne available.

The decorated mansion will be open every Thursday-Sunday between 10 a.m.-4 p.m. through Jan. 5, 2025.

For more information and to register for any of these events, go to: <https://www.historicnewengland.org/visit/events/>.

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Thursday, December 5
6pm: Bethany Congregational Church
7pm: LIVE 'Tis the Season Concert

Friday, December 6
11:30am: LIVE: Currently in Quincy
7pm: AM Quincy: State Rep. Tackey Chan

Saturday, December 7
12pm: Christmas Parade
8:30pm: 'Tis the Season Concert

Sunday, December 8
10am: Bethany Congregational Church
11:30am: Quincy Point Church Good News

Monday, December 9
11:30am: LIVE: Currently in Quincy
7pm: City of Quincy's 2024 Holiday Events

Tuesday, December 10
7-9:10am: LIVE: AM Quincy with Joe Catalano
7pm: AM Quincy: Mayor Thomas Koch

Wednesday, December 11
6pm: Quincy Point Church Good News
7pm: The Call

Government Access Channel 9

Thursday, December 5
4:00pm: Board of License Commissioners (11/26)
5:00pm: Zoning Board of Appeals (11/26)

Friday, December 6
7:00pm: Health Links: Winter Preparedness
8:00pm: Quincy Planning Board (11/20)

Saturday & Sunday, December 7 & 8
10:30am: Crime Watch: Road Rage
12:00pm: City Council (12/2, incl. Public Hearings)
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Programming is subject to change.

For a complete list of programs, please visit our website at qatv.org



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Over the last several months the Quincy Police Patrol Division has been working with the department's specialized units to address the increase in calls for service in and around 95 West Squantum St. in Montclair. Concerted effort and collaboration with property management and the area residents have resulted in several arrests for the sale of illegal narcotics, outstanding warrants, trespassing, breaking and entering and disorderly conduct.

On Tuesday, Nov. 26, at about 1:32 p.m., Officers E. Riley, D. Thach and A. Sayers were dispatched to the Gamma Apartments at 95 West Squantum St. for the report of multiple unwanted persons inside of an apartment. On arrival officers spoke with management personnel. They reported that multiple nonresidents were staying inside the apartment after the arrest of the leasee.

Officers were allowed into the apartment and saw three people inside. It was confirmed that they were not residents and they were identified. The female in the group provided a false name to the officers. An inquiry with QPD's Communication Division determined that the female had eleven

A Job Well Done

By **OFFICER GREGG HARTNETT**
Public Information Officer
Quincy Police Department

(11) outstanding warrants. The female was placed into custody and transported to Quincy Police HQ. The males were allowed to gather their belongings and go on their way.

Job Well Done!

On Wednesday, Nov. 27, Officers M. Greenwood, N. Lawrence and K-9 Officer D. Parisi were dispatched to the South Cove Manor at 288 Washington St. at the request of Brewster Ambulance for a report that a male was trying to get into an ambulance.

On arrival, Officers were told that a male had opened the driver's door to the ambulance. The paramedics were in the

back of the ambulance and caring for a patient preparing for transport to the hospital.

The unknown male was acting erratic, trying to enter the ambulance and telling the EMS personnel that they knew who he was. One of the paramedics had to exit the back of the ambulance and physically stop the suspect from entering the driver's door of the ambulance.

The male was still on scene when officers arrived. He was non-compliant and refused to provide identification. The suspect appeared intoxicated and was acting disorderly walking into traffic. He was placed into custody and transported to Quincy Police Headquarters. He remained uncooperative until the following day, when he finally provided his name and information. The booking process was completed at that time.

The suspect had a lengthy criminal record. He was later arraigned at the Quincy District Court House for (1) disorderly conduct and (2) carjacking.

Job Well Done!

QUINCY POLICE CRIME AWARENESS JOURNAL

Entries submitted by the Quincy Police Department

FRIDAY, NOV. 22

LARCENY (Amazon package), 9:27 a.m., 20 block of Quarterdeck Rd. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (leaf blower), 9:59 a.m., 8 Highpoint Cir. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (in past 11/22), 12:00 p.m., Home Depot, 177 Willard St. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (female), 12:00 p.m., Marshalls, 141 Newport Ave. Trespass notice issued to female suspect. Advised and sent on the way. Store to handle. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (past incidents), 12:02 p.m., Home Depot, 177 Willard St. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (male), 3:42 p.m., Target, 289 Hancock St. Suspect fled the area. Unable to locate. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (stolen ornaments), 3:56 p.m., 80 block of Pleasant St. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (male), 3:59 p.m., Marshalls, 141 Newport Ave. The suspect fled. Unable to locate. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (road rage), 4:56 p.m., Appleton St. & East Squantum St. Two operators arguing. Possible accident. No accident. Peace restored and operators sent on the way.

SATURDAY, NOV. 23

DISORDER (dispute with store), 12:01 a.m., Stop & Shop, 495 Southern Arty. Detail officer on scene with the customer. Very uncooperative female. Unable to find her wallet. Was advised if employees find it, they will keep it at the front desk. She was sent on her way.

DISORDER (two females), 2:57 p.m., BJ's Whole Club Gas, 30 Liberty St. Peace restored. All advised and sent on way.

ASSAULT (fighting), 3:52 p.m., Thomas Crane Public Library, 381 Hancock St. Two males fighting. Victim refused medical attention and does not wish to press charges. Report to be filed.

SUNDAY, NOV. 24

LARCENY (bicycle), 9:01 a.m., Whiton Ave. Report to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (Toyota Corolla), 10:24 a.m., 1000 Southern Arty. Report to be filed.

ASSAULT (female), 1:45 p.m., Dollar Tree, 215 Quincy Ave. Female assaulted the store manager. Manager refusing EMS. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (past), 6:54 p.m., 190 block of Furnace Brook Pkwy. Caller states his neighbors are stealing construction materials from his property. Report to be filed.

RECOVERED VEHICLE, 10:29 p.m., Common St. & Quarry St. Vehicle stopped at Quarry Street and Robertson Street. Vehicle reported stolen out of Boston. Two suspects under arrest. Male suspect arrested and charged with receiving stolen property. The female was arrested for an outstanding warrant and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

MONDAY, NOV. 25

BREAKING AND ENTERING/PAST (job site), 7:14 a.m., 105 Sea St. Report to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/PAST (business), 9:09 a.m., Super Clean Car Wash, 2 Miller St. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (copper pipes), 9:31 a.m., Curtis Ave. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (two females), 10:50 a.m., Dependable Cleaners, 320 Quincy Ave. Peace restored. Involved female issued a trespass notice by the manager. Advised and sent on the way.

DISORDER (female), 1:15 p.m., Wollaston Manor, 91 Clay St. Female throwing items over balcony at people. Peace restored.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (car), 3:00 p.m., YMCA, 79 Coddington St. Minor scratches. Case number provided.

SHOPLIFT (male), 4:31 p.m., Walgreens, 132 Granite St. Store is unsure what was taken or which direction suspect went. Unable to locate. Store to handle.

LARCENY (package/laptop), 4:49 p.m., Faxon Commons, 1071 Southern Arty. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (detained), 7:19 p.m., Target, 289 Hancock St. Trespass notice issued for one year. Store to handle.

LARCENY (phone), 9:24 p.m., Fr. Bill's Place, 39 Broad St. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (past), 11:03 p.m., 223 Common St. Report to be filed.

TUESDAY, NOV. 26

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (past), 8:05 a.m., 116 East Howard St. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (male), 8:17 a.m., Home Depot, 177 Willard St. Report to be filed. Trespass notice issued. Suspect was sent on the way.

SHOPLIFT (just fled), 10:26 a.m., Walgreens, 330 Hancock St. Suspect fled and was not located. Report to be filed.

be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/PAST, 11:15 a.m., Alister Quincy Office, 500 Falls Blvd. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (electric bicycle), 12:02 p.m., Burgin Pkwy & Dimmock St. Report to be filed.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (spray paint), 2:22 p.m., 160 block of East Squantum St. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (male party), 3:08 p.m., Target, 289 Hancock St. Gone on arrival. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (female), 3:21 p.m., Walgreens, 132 Granite St. Person paid for item and was sent on the way.

DISORDER (over parking spot), 6:31 p.m., 100 Coveaway. Peace restored.

LARCENY (package), 8:15 p.m., 20 block of Taylor St. Report to be filed.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (vehicle), 9:23 a.m., 80 block of Alvin Ave. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (money), 10:28 a.m., 30 block of Whiton Ave. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (over ID), 1:24 p.m., Curtis Liquors, 661 Adams St. Clerk refusing to serve customer as customer does not have an ID. Causing a disorder. Customer issued a trespass notice and sent on the way.

SHOPLIFT (two suspects), 2:53 p.m., Walmart, 301 Falls Blvd. Suspect detained near H Mart. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (several people), 10:26 p.m., Adams Inn, 29 Hancock St. In lobby fighting. Female screaming for help. Peace restored. Everyone separated for the night. Two refused EMS.

THURSDAY, NOV. 28

DISORDER (fight), 12:19 a.m., 663 Hancock St. Criminal complaint for assault and battery. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (two males yelling), 12:54 a.m., The Chantey, 333 Victory Rd. All involved were sent on their way and advised.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/PAST (commercial), 9:22 a.m., Ly Massage Therapy Hair Salon, 2 Wollaston Ave. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (in progress), 6:19 p.m., Howard Johnson, 845 Hancock St. Unwanted male issued a trespass notice and sent on the way. Advised.

ATTEMPTED BREAKING AND ENTERING (rear door), 10:00 p.m., Saigon Corner, 24 Billings Rd. Unsure if B&E attempt was made. Case number provided.

Expert Warns Of QR Code 'Brushing' Scam, Tips To Avoid Falling Victim

With Christmas fast approaching, many shoppers will be looking to take advantage of the discounts offered by online retailers. While consumers are often vigilant of online scams, cybercriminals are developing more elaborate ways to trick shoppers out of their money.

A recent 'brushing' scam involves consumers receiving unsolicited packages containing QR codes that take them to a phishing website that attempts to steal their personal information.

Kushal Tantry, CEO of QR Code Developer explains what a QR code 'brushing' scam is, with tips for identifying the scam and avoiding falling victim to it.

What is a 'brushing' scam?

A traditional 'brushing' scam is when an individual sends an unsolicited package to a person's home address, containing an item that they didn't order. These packages will often be labeled with your name and home address but will contain no return address.

This can be done by third-party sellers, who sell products on sites such as Amazon. The fraudster will obtain your name and home address from a data breach, social media, or a public directory and then use this to set up an Amazon

account in your name. They will then purchase the product from their store using your credentials and ship it to your home address.

Once you have signed to confirm receipt of the parcel, the scammer then writes a positive verified review for the product in your name, to help improve their seller rating and to help drive more sales.

What is a QR code 'brushing' scam?

Scammers have begun to take this a step further by including a QR code inside the package, which instructs you to register your new product online or scan to access more details on who sent you the package.

In reality, the QR code will then direct you to a phishing website, which will ask you to fill in more of your personal information such as your banking details, which the scammer will then have access to.

What to do if you encounter a QR code 'brushing' scam?

If you receive an unexpected package that is addressed to you, it is up to you whether you keep or throw away the item inside. If the package contains a QR code, however, do not scan it.

You should contact your local authority to report this

scam, so they can put out a warning, if necessary, to prevent other recipients from falling victim.

Make sure to inform the company that allegedly sent the package through their official contact details and don't use any contact information provided on the package itself. You can notify Amazon that you have received an unwanted package here: <https://account-status.amazon.com/report-unwanted-packages>.

How to protect yourself from future scams?

The first thing to do after receiving an unexpected package is to check your existing accounts and change any passwords, in case the scammer has direct access to your online account. If you received an unsolicited package, the scammer is likely to only know your name and home address, but make sure to monitor your bank accounts in case you spot any strange activity.

Any suspicious QR codes should be treated with caution, especially if the webpage asks you to enter personal information after scanning it. As a general rule, avoid scanning any QR codes sent to you via packages, emails, and text messages unless you can confirm the source as legitimate.

New Art Exhibit At MPL

The Wotiz Gallery of the Milton Public Library will show the work of two Milton artists during the month of December. This exhibit is called: "From the Beginning: A Journey in the Visual Arts."

Painter and fabric artist Joyce Caggiano and photographer Owen Hartford are combining their talents in this display. The exhibit will showcase the relationship between photography and other forms of visual art. It is intended to demonstrate ways that photography stands as its own work of creativity, and at the same time can inspire alternative expressions of the same scene created in other media.

Some artists insist that to begin an artwork with someone else's photo is to "copy" rather than invent or create original art. This display, which continues through Dec. 30, contains photos and completed paintings and drawings derived from those images. It demonstrates the process of one artist, Joyce, moving from

an image (in this case a photographic image) to a complete art piece. Working in collaboration with Owen Hartford, an experienced photographer, the program shows the intricate relationship between photography and painting.

A section of the collection to be shown is called "Grief" which was completed by Caggiano after the death of her husband of 30 years in 2017. She has been painting for over 60 years with many detours in between the decades. Although her art has been primarily for her own expression, sometimes others enjoy the results as well. Over the past two years, she has devoted 100 percent of her time to artistic endeavors, converting a garage into a fully functioning art studio.

"At the root of much of my work (not always visible to others) is a smile that comes from my soul," Caggiano said. And she quotes John O'Donohue by saying: "The wonder of the beautiful is its ability to surprise

us. With swift, sheer grace, it is like a divine breath that blows the heart open."

Photographer Owen Hartford is also a musician and composer, who started taking pictures as a teenager in San Francisco. He taught photography at Boston University, and recently published "From Icicles to Africa," a book showcasing the diversity of photographic subjects and styles. There will be a free and open reception for this joint exhibit held in the Gallery on Thursday, Dec. 5 from 6-8 p.m. which is free and open to all. Questions? Email jhlady@milton.ocln.org or call the Reference Dept. at (617) 898-4964.



"MOONLIGHT SONATA over the Neponset River" painting is featured in a new exhibit at Milton Public Library. *Courtesy Image*

National Parks Of Boston Hosts Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day In Charlestown Navy Yard

The National Parks of Boston will host a gathering of remembrance at the USS Constitution Museum followed by a wreath-laying ceremony on the World War II-era destroyer USS Cassin Young to remember and honor those who perished in the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on the U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

USS Cassin Young was named in honor of U.S. Naval Commander Cassin Young, who received honors for his actions during the Pearl Harbor attack. December marks the 81st anniversary of the commissioning of the USS Cassin Young.

This free two-part public program on Saturday, Dec. 7, will be held in Charlestown Navy Yard starting at 1 p.m. at the USS Constitution Museum, followed by an outdoor ceremony beside and onboard USS Cassin Young. Refreshments, generously sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Veterans' Services, will be served at noon prior to the event.

Participating in the ceremony will be National Parks of Boston Superintendent Michael Creasey, USS Constitution Museum President & CEO Anne Grimes Rand, USS Constitution Commanding Officer Crystal Schaefer, USN, Massachusetts Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jon Santiago, and

Boston Commissioner of Veterans' Services Robert Santiago. The program will include the USN Color Guard and a cannon salute from USS Constitution.

USS Cassin Young was named for U.S. Navy Commander Cassin Young, recipient of the Medal of Honor for his distinguished and heroic actions during the attack on Pearl Harbor, which initiated the United States' entry into World War II. As commanding officer of USS Vestal, which was moored to USS Arizona, CDR Young took personal command of his ship's three-inch anti-aircraft gun at the beginning of the attack. When the forward magazine of Arizona was hit, CDR Young was thrown overboard and incredibly swam back to his ship amidst burning oil on the water between the two ships. Despite the subsequent bombing of Vestal, CDR Young moved his ship away from Arizona to save the ship and countless lives.

USS Cassin Young has similarly served the country with distinction. She was built in San Pedro, California, typical of the many Fletcher-class destroyers constructed in the Charlestown Navy Yard during World War II. The ship was commissioned at the end of 1943 and first saw action

in the Pacific Theatre in 1944. She took part in the landings in the Philippines, rescued survivors from the stricken carrier USS Princeton, screened the American force that sank four Japanese carriers in the battle of Cape Engano, and survived two separate kamikaze hits, one of which killed 21 crew members. No stranger to Charlestown, the ship was recalled to service in 1951 and underwent modernization at the shipyard on several occasions during the next decade before finally hauling down her commissioning pennant in 1960.

"It is fitting that we

remember this day at USS Cassin Young in the Charlestown Navy Yard, one of the first of six Navy Yards in the country," said National Parks of Boston Supt. Michael Creasey. "Today, the National Park Service protects the Cassin Young as well as provides a home base for USS Constitution, to honor the service people of the United States Navy past and present, and provide current and future generations the opportunity to forge meaningful connections to these national treasures and iconic cornerstones of the American story."

Six Quincy Students On Xaverian Brothers High School Honor Roll

Six students from Quincy have been named to the honor roll for the first marking period at Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood.

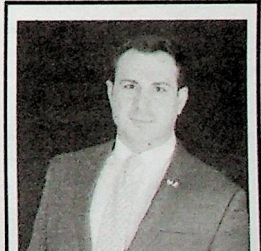
The Xaverian Brothers High School honor roll has three designation levels:

- Ryken Honors indicates all marks are A- or above
- First Honors indicates all marks are B or above
- Second Honors indicates all marks are B- or above

The following students from Quincy are on the hon-

or roll:

Brayden Killgoar, Ryken Honors, grade 7; Jacob Gratch, Ryken Honors, grade 10; Nicholas Cook, First Honors, grade 9; Ronan Packard, First Honors, grade 9; Michael McGrath, First Honors, grade 10 and David Boyd, Second Honors, grade 9.



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ABCC Kicks Off 'Operation Safe Holidays'

In an effort to ensure safety for everyone in Massachusetts during the holidays, the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) will be conducting alcohol enforcement at local bars in Massachusetts cities and towns now through New Year's Eve.

In doing so, the ABCC hopes to prevent accidents caused by impaired driving and other alcohol-related harm that often occurs at this time of year. The ABCC will work with municipal police departments and focus enforcement efforts at bars that have been identified as the last to sell alcohol to a convicted drunk driver and other high-risk locations.

"It is extremely important to deter bars from over-serving and prevent problems before they happen," said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg, who oversees the ABCC. "We want to keep people safe and make sure everyone can enjoy the holidays with their family and friends, avoiding tragedies before they occur."

The program is run in conjunction with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Impaired Driving Crackdown, from Thanksgiving Eve through New Year's Eve, and is funded through the Executive Office of Public Safety and

Security - Highway Safety Division.

According to the NHTSA, from 2017 to 2021, 137 drivers involved in fatal crashes on Thanksgiving Eve (6 p.m. to 5:59 a.m.), also known as 'Blackout Wednesday,' were alcohol impaired. In 2021 alone, 36 drivers were in fatal crashes on that day. Also, from 2017 to 2021, young drivers ages 21-24 represented the largest percentage of drivers involved in deadly crashes. The message before Thanksgiving is simple - the NHTSA says to stop the blackout trend on Wednesday.

Alcohol is involved in 40 percent of traffic crash fatalities, resulting in 17,013 fatalities and injuring an estimated 275,000 people annually. Data indicates that well over 50% of impaired driving arrests originate at bars.

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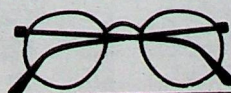
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LEMON CYPRESS TREES add interest and texture to this poinsettia display.

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Selection And Care Of Living Holiday Trees

By **MELINDA MYERS**

Dress up a potted dwarf spruce, Norfolk Island pine, lemon cypress or topiary Rosemary or lavender plant for the holidays and enjoy its beauty all year. Add a bit of garland and a few small ornaments for a festive effect.

Norfolk Island pines have long been decked out and displayed for the holidays. Smaller specimens can be placed on a tabletop, and larger ones can be used as indoor floor plants when space allows. Grow Norfolk Island pines in a cool well-lit location free of hot and

cold drafts. Occasionally, turn plants growing in front of windows to ensure even growth.

Avoid low humidity and dry soil, often resulting in dry brown needles and branches. Use a gravel tray to reduce your workload and increase your growing success. Place pebbles in the plant saucer and set the container on the pebbles so it rests above any excess water that collects in the saucer. Water thoroughly and often enough to keep the soil slightly moist. The excess water that collects in the saucer increases humidity around the plant.

Tabletop lemon cypress (*Cupressus macrocarpa* 'Goldcrest Wilma') trees have filled the benches at garden centers and florists for the past few holiday seasons. Their fragrant chartreuse needles and upright conical shape make them a cheery addition to your winter décor. Grow them in a brightly lit location near a draft-free window and water thoroughly when the top few inches are dry to the touch. Those who garden in zones seven to ten can move them into their landscape or add them to their outdoor containers after the danger of frost has passed. This dwarf variety can eventually reach six feet tall and three to four feet wide.

Enjoy the beauty, fragrance, and flavor of a topiary Rosemary tree. Grow it in a brightly lit location and water thoroughly when the top few inches of soil begin to dry. Regularly trim the branches to maintain the

upright tree shape. Use clip-pings to season your favorite holiday dishes.

Consider growing a tree-shaped lavender plant this holiday season for its attractive foliage and calming fragrance. Grow your lavender in a south-facing or other sunny window. Find a cool spot in your home away from hot and cold air drafts. The cooler air helps increase your indoor growing success. Water it thoroughly when the top inch of soil is dry to the touch. Pour off any excess water that collects in the saucer.

If you want a tree that can be moved outdoors into the landscape or a container in hardiness zones two to six, consider growing a tabletop dwarf Alberta spruce tree (*Picea glauca* 'Conica'). Grow it in a very cool bright location indoors. Water thoroughly as needed pouring off any excess water that collects in the saucer.

If the buds break and new growth appears, wait until the danger of frost has passed to move it outdoors. Just change out the seasonal decorations and enjoy it on Valentine's Day, Easter, and any spring holiday celebrations. Grow it outside in a sunny location protected from winter wind and sun to prevent the needles from drying. Watch for spider mites which are a common pest on this landscape plant.

These plants also make great gifts for the holidays and for the host or hostess. You and your gift recipients will enjoy the beauty of these plants throughout the holidays and beyond.

Bethany Congregational Church

Bethany Congregational Church, 18 Spear St., Quincy, invites the public to the First Sunday of Advent, with Rev. Bert Coté preaching, Sunday, Dec. 8 at 9:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour is held after services in the Allen Parlor.

Upcoming events include a "Blue Christmas" service on Wednesday, Dec. 18th at 7 p.m. in the church Chapel. This short, meaningful service is a way to leave emotional fears behind and to focus on the joy of the upcoming Advent. There will be a Christmas Eve Service at 4 p.m. on Dec. 24th with candles and lots of singing.

Visit the Thrift Shop located at 22 Spear St. right next to the church. The hours are Wednesday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursday evenings 4-7 p.m. A sign directs you toward the entrance. Proceeds from the shop are used to fund missions.

The Chess Club meets every Wednesday evening at Bethany Church for gameplay from 6-9 p.m. It's a free, social chess club open to all experienced, chess-playing adults in and around the city of Quincy. Although membership is free, donations are appreciated to help with expenses. There is also a group for children 7-12. Contact TheSouthShoreChessClub@gmail.com for more information.

The Prayer Shawl Group meets most weeks on Friday afternoons at 5:30 p.m. If you can knit or crochet, you are welcome to join us. We knit and/or crochet prayer shawls that are then blessed and distributed to people who are ill or undergoing difficulties. We also make items - hats and scarves - for the New England Seafarers Mission. If you are interested in joining this group, please call the church office to find out which dates we are meeting.

Broad Horizons Preschool is open and accepting students both full and part-time. To inquire and/or fill out an application, go to the website at Broadhorizonsbethany.com or call 617-471-0022.

Bethany Congregational Church website is: bethanyconchurch.org. Email address is: bethanyconchurch@yahoo.com. Telephone number is: 617-479-7300.



NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN - Thanks to funding from the Liberty Mutual Foundation Climate Resiliency Grant Program, two raised beds were installed this September at the South West Community Center run by the Quincy Community Action Program.

Courtesy Photo

QCAP, Holly Hill Farm Team Up To Grow 'More Good' In Community

Quincy has a new community garden!

Thanks to funding from the Liberty Mutual Foundation Climate Resiliency Grant Program, two raised beds were installed this September at the South West Community Center run by the Quincy Community Action Program. Six members of the community—all volunteers at SWCC, and some who rely on the center's onsite food pantry themselves—were on hand to help build the garden beds, fill them with soil, plant a variety of healthy vegetables, and water everything well.

This work was done in partnership with Friends of Holly Hill Farm, Inc., the nonprofit that manages Cohasset's last working farm. Community Outreach Director Jon Belber brought seedlings and seeds from the farm for planting. Jon and the volunteers worked alongside Farm Educators Grayce Rose and Janice McPhillips.

The first official harvest from the garden has been completed, featuring a bounty of leafy greens and fragrant herbs. These fresh, nutritious items were included in monthly food orders distributed to families who visit QCAP's food pantry. As the growing season transitions, the team is now preparing the garden beds for winter planting. Root vegetables and garlic are being sown, ensuring that our commitment to providing fresh produce for our community continues year-

round.

"We're thrilled to come together with Holly Hill Farm and Liberty Mutual to support our community with the tools to grow their own food," says as QCAP's Chief Executive Officer, Beth Ann Strollo. "These beds are a welcome symbol of hope—helping families build new skills, take part in their own nourishment, and learn about sustainability through connection to the land."

One of the goals of the Liberty Mutual Foundation Climate Resiliency grant is to improve access to locally grown healthy food to residents of low-income neighborhoods and communities of color. Grayce will be working with SWCC volunteers weekly to tend to the garden until the end of the season and to educate volunteers about the needs of growing plants as the seasons change. All produce grown in the garden this season will be harvested, washed, and brought into the food pantry where it will be made available to food pantry clients.

Next time you are in the neighborhood, please stop by and see the garden located at 18 Copeland St. in South West Quincy. If you would like to offer any help with the project, please reach out to Director of the South West Community Center, Ted Donnolly at (617) 471-0796 or tdonnolly@qcap.org.

Q-NQ Marching Band, QCA Among Winners At Christmas Parade

The Quincy-North Quincy High School marching band was crowned the best band for its performance during Sunday's annual Quincy Christmas Parade, while the Quincy Catholic Academy took home the prize for best non-commercial float.

Thousands attended Sunday's parade, which featured 16 bands, 16 floats, and numerous other specialty units. The theme of this year's parade was "Home for the Holidays."

Prizes were awarded to the best floats and high school marching bands at the conclusion of Sunday's parade.

The Quincy-North Quincy High School marching band was the overall winner in the band contest with a score of 97.4. Leominster was runner up with a score of 90.3 and Immaculate Heart of Mary came in third with a score of 90.

Somerset-Berkley placed first in the Div. I band competition with a score of 85.6 followed by Joseph Case (85.3) and Chicopee (80.2). Chicopee was deemed to have the best music score and best percussion score, while Joseph Case had the best color guard.

Immaculate Heart of Mary topped the Div. II competition followed by B.M.C. Durfee (88.7) and David Prouty (88.4). Immaculate Heart of Mary had the best music score and best percussion score, while New Bedford had the best color guard.

Quincy-North Quincy was the winner in the Div. III competition followed by Leominster and Randolph (87.1). QNQ was awarded best music score and best percussion score, and Randolph best color guard.

The Father Thomas Tier-



COMBINED QUINCY-NORTH QUINCY high school marching band was judged the overall winner in the band contest in Sunday's 71st annual Quincy Christmas Parade. Here the group march on Hancock Street in Quincy Center. Quincy Sun Photos/Robert Bosworth

ney Grand Prize Award for best overall non-commercial float was awarded to Quincy Catholic Academy. For their efforts, the school was presented with a plaque and \$2,000.

St. John's Collaborative was awarded first place in the non-commercial float category, taking home \$1,500. The Quincy Lodge of Elks finished in second place, winning \$1,000. Quincy High School came in third and won \$750. Fourth place went to the Friends of Quincy Recreation and fifth place went to North Quincy High School; both were awarded \$500.

The George White Award for best Quincy commercial float was awarded to Montilio's Bakery. The Quincy Park Conservancy was given the award for best commercial float winner and the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office won the prize for best specialty float. All three received plaques for their efforts.



QUINCY CATHOLIC ACADEMY received the Father Thomas Tierney Grand Prize Award as the best overall non-commercial float in Sunday's Quincy Christmas Parade. For their efforts, the school was presented with a plaque and \$2,000.

READERS FORUM

Q-NQ Marching Band 'Looked, Sounded Like A Million Bucks'

I was blown away by the Quincy/North Quincy Marching Band at this year's parade. I thought the city invited a large university marching band to perform, and I couldn't believe that it was our own high school students instead.

Well done to everyone involved. You looked and sounded like a million bucks.

Matt McGowan
Quincy

Quincy's Ivan Zou Helps WPI Team Win Competition

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) student Ivan Zou of Quincy, class of 2027, majoring in electrical and computer engineering and robotics engineering, was part of a student team to win Technotonin Industries' Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization (CEO) Global

Pitch Competition in Tampa, FL on Nov. 2 for their groundbreaking technology PAWE (Portable Affordable Wheelchair Enhancer). The battery-powered motorization device is designed to attach to manual wheelchairs, enhancing mobility options for wheelchair users.



MONTILIO'S BAKERY received the George White Award for best Quincy commercial float in Sunday's Quincy Christmas Parade. More parade photos in the Dec. 12th issue of The Quincy Sun.



Saint John's Food Pantry Quincy Police Department *'To Protect and Serve'*

We are accustomed to the officers of the Quincy Police Department protecting the citizens of Quincy. On Friday November 22nd, they fulfilled the second half of the motto, **to serve**. Under the direction of Officers Cameron Smith, Audrey Underwood, John Leuchte and Lt. Sean Biggins, the entire police department came together to collect more than 3,000 pounds of non-perishable items for the Saint John's Food Pantry. Quincy organizations contributing to the food drive included Walmart, Roxie's, BJ's, Campus Kinder Haus, Wollaston Church of the Nazarene, Granite Telecommunications, Brookdale Senior Housing, Bearde's Towing, Stop and Shop both Newport Ave. and S. Artery. Stop and Shop Newport Ave. has also supplied Turkeys at a discount rate for the past ten years. These contributions supplied Thanksgiving Dinners for over 90 families in need.

Saint John's Food Pantry was established 45 years ago by Bill and Joyce Lawless, it continues today under the guidance of Tom and Kathleen Lester and many devoted volunteers. The mission of SJFP is to help those in need with dignity and respect. The majority of those served by SJFP are working families trying to make ends meet, elderly on a fixed income, and Veterans. SJFP provides groceries weekly, Thanksgiving Dinners, Christmas presents collected for my Brothers Keeper and help with expenses due to unusual circumstances when funds are available. 100 percent of all donations To SJFP go to help those in need. SJFP is all volunteer and no salaries are taken. Mother Theresa quoted, "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." The support of the QPD, Parishoners of St John's, Residents of the City of Quincy and our Benefactors is very much appreciated. SJFP will follow Mother Theresa and feed one person at a time, many times over.

With more needs and higher food costs more help is needed.

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Mailbox For 'Letters To Santa' At Hancock-Adams Common

The Quincy Christmas Festival Committee reminds residents that the exclusive mailbox for "Letters to Santa" is located on the

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The mailbox will be in place until noon on Mon-

day, Dec. 23rd.

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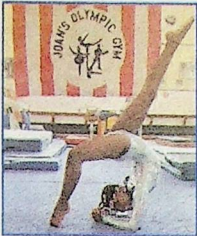
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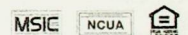

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Concerts at the Crane:
Liana Paniyeva ~ Piano
Sunday, Dec 8 | 3 - 4 PM

2nd Annual Drop-in Holiday Recipe Swap!
Wednesday, Dec 11 | 7 - 8 PM

2nd Annual Welcome Winter: Cocoa & Coloring & Movie
Friday, Dec 20 | 2 - 4 PM *All Ages*
2 - 4 PM: Drop in coloring & hot cocoa
3 - 4 PM: Movie Matinee - Jack Frost (1979)

In Person Events

Year-End: What's the Astrolo-Tea?
Tuesday, Dec 10 | 7 - 8 PM
Genealogy Club Presents: 10 Brick Walls and How to Demolish Them!
Thursday, Dec 12 | 6 - 7 PM
Tea & Trivia: 2024 Year in Review
Saturday, Dec 14 | 11 AM - 12 PM
Nature of Massachusetts
Tuesday, Dec 17 | 6 - 7 PM
2024 Year-End Journaling & Reflections
Wednesday, Dec 18 | 7 - 8 PM
Registration Required

Online Events

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More Holiday Romance Book Recommendations with John Charles
Monday, Dec 2 | 7 - 8 PM

Cat People To Judge In Art And Life
Monday, Dec 9 | 7 - 8 PM

Invisible Strings: 113 Poets Respond to the Songs of Taylor Swift
Thursday, Dec 12 | 7 - 8 PM

Lorelei's Lit Lair: Looking Back at Favorite 2024 Romance Books & What To Look Forward to In 2025
Monday, Dec 16 | 7 - 8 PM

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Victorian Card Making Thursday, Dec 5 6 - 7:30 PM
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@ North Quincy
Tuesday, Dec 10 6:30 - 8:30 PM

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9:30 - 10:30 AM
Main Library

Monthly Crafts & Cocoa
@ Wollaston
Wednesday, Dec 4 6 - 8 PM

Monthly Dementia Caregivers Support Group
Monday, Dec 9 6 - 7 PM

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CITY FOOTBALL CHAMPS – The 2024 North Quincy Raiders celebrate their 43-41 overtime victory over the Quincy Presidents in the 92nd annual Thanksgiving Day football game at Veterans' Memorial Stadium. The Raiders win marked the second overtime game in the series history. North Quincy defeated Quincy 15-8 in the 1975 game. Last Thursday's game also set a new record for most combined points (84) scored in series history, eclipsing the 75 points scored in the 2022 game. Quincy won that game, 40-35. North Quincy has won four of the last five match-ups against Quincy. Quincy still leads the overall series with 49 wins; North Quincy has 38 wins and there have been 5 ties since the teams first met for the city's football crown in 1933.

Raiders' Comeback OT Win One For The Ages

North Quincy Stuns Quincy 43-41 In 92nd Annual City Football Championship

By TOM JOYCE

You missed out if you didn't watch the Quincy High-North Quincy High Thanksgiving Day football game this year.

The two sides played a game that will forever be remembered in the city's record books.

The North Quincy Raiders pulled off a miraculous

comeback against their in-city rival, the Quincy Presidents, as they won the game in overtime, 43-41. With the win, the Raiders concluded their season at 5-6, while the Presidents finished theirs at 3-8.

Seven-year Raiders head coach Ryan Craig said it was the best Thanksgiving he ever coached.

"This goes right up to the top," Craig said. "You're only as good as your last Turkey Day, and you know what? We're going to savor this one. Our kids really earned it."

With 2:17 remaining in the fourth quarter, Raiders running back Gavin Brown punched in a three-yard touchdown run to tie

the game at 27 apiece, but the Presidents defense prevented their rival from taking the lead. The Presidents put immense pressure on their opponent during the extra point attempt, which linebacker Leo Steinberg blocked, preventing the Raiders from taking a one-point lead.

When the Presidents got the ball back, they scored. Sophomore Gavin O'Hare

fielded a squib kick at the team's own 36-yard line, setting up what appeared to be the game-winning drive for the team.

On the first play of the new drive, Steinberg (20 carries, 190 yards, three touchdowns) had a 15-yard run that helped the Presidents cross midfield. He broke a few tackles as he hit a hole created by offensive

lineman Chris Young. Steinberg then had a one-yard gain on the ground before the Raiders defensive back Tim Toland nearly intercepted a Presidents pass but dropped the ball. However, he prevented any Presidents players from catching the ball. Then, Steinberg had an 11-yard run up the middle with running back Jonas Ala blocking for him. Nate Goff responded by

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NORTH QUINCY senior quarterback Mikey Galligan connects with senior wide receiver Cam Sampson in the 92nd city football championship against Quincy on Thanksgiving at Veterans' Memorial Stadium. Galligan led the Raiders to a stunning 43-41 come-from-behind overtime win over the Presidents as he threw a "Hail Mary" 38-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Tyler Cromwell in the end zone as time expired in regulation and then rushed and converted for the winning score in overtime.

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NORTH QUINCY senior wide receiver Marques Rodrigues-Smith (#3) celebrates his 31-yard touchdown reception from quarterback Mikey Galligan with teammates. The touchdown put the Raiders up 7-0 against Quincy early in the first quarter.



NORTH QUINCY senior wide receiver Marques Rodrigues-Smith catches a 21-yard touchdown reception from senior quarterback Mikey Galligan in the 92nd city football championship against Quincy on Thanksgiving.



QUINCY senior wide receiver Jayden Francois hauls in a 43-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Nate Goff in the 92nd annual city football championship against North Quincy on Thanksgiving.

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spiking the ball with 1:17 remaining.

A host of Raiders, including linebacker Jovany Morales and defensive lineman Shawn Pierre, tackled Steinberg for a big loss on the next set of downs. However, Steinberg responded with a 45-yard touchdown run up the middle to give the Presidents the lead with 52 seconds remaining as the offensive line gave him great blocking. The two-point conversion, an outside run by Steinberg, was good, giving the team a 35-27 lead.

Yet, the Raiders weren't finished. Ryan Wirtz returned the ensuing kickoff to the Raiders' 40-yard line.

The drive got off to a rocky start as the Presidents played tough pass defense. Quarterback Mikey Galligan (100 passing yards, 96 rushing yards, four passing touchdowns) tossed back-



NORTH QUINCY junior running back Ryan Wirtz scores on a 5-yard touchdown run against the Quincy Presidents. Defending for Quincy is senior defensive back Jordan Leathers. Wirtz also caught his 50th reception which set a North Quincy record and tied the city mark.



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PHOTO BELOW LEFT: Quincy senior quarterback Nate Goff eyes a receiver as senior running back Will Codner helps protect the pocket.

AS STEADY RAIN falls at soggy Veterans' Memorial Stadium, Quincy junior running back Leo Steinberg (3 TDs) crosses the goal line on a 45-yard touchdown run up the middle to give the Presidents the lead with 52 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter. The Raiders, however, rallied to tie the game and eventually won the game in overtime, 43-41.



THE RAIN DIDN'T STOP Raider sophomore running back Gavin Brown who punched in a three-yard touchdown run to tie the game at 27-27 with 2:17 remaining in the fourth quarter.

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QUINCY SOPHOMORE running back Jonas Ala rushes for a 20-yard touchdown for the Presidents in the second quarter. Making a diving attempt at a tackle is North Quincy sophomore linebacker Gavin Brown. Ala also threw an 18-yard touchdown pass to Jayden Francois which tied the game at 21-21 late in the second quarter.



NORTH QUINCY senior wide receiver Cam Sampson eyes some yards after a reception from senior quarterback Mikey Galligan in the 92nd annual city football championship.

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to-back incomplete passes but followed that up with a 23-yard run on third down to keep the drive alive. The Raiders then called a timeout with 10 seconds left to play. The Raiders then threw another incompletion and called another timeout with four seconds remaining — enough time for just one more play in regulation.

Galligan looked to the end zone as he evaded tackles from defensive lineman Elijah Charles and linebacker Alex Martinez. Galligan threw the ball on the run and connected with wide receiver Tyler Cromwell for a 38-yard touchdown pass. Guard Joe Nista had one of a few blocks that prevented Galligan from getting sacked on the play. The play was featured on ESPN's SportsCenter as its No. 1 Play of the Day.

Galligan converted on a naked bootleg for the two-point conversion, as the rest of the offense sold the deception well. This tied the game at 35 apiece and sent it into overtime.

An unsportsmanlike conduct penalty against the Presidents gave the team a challenge. They had to score from 25 yards out rather than 10, due to a 15-yard penalty. That was no problem, as Steinberg had a 25-yard touchdown run on the

first play of the drive. However, the two-point conversion attempt was no good, as linebacker Andy Lowe came up with the tackle in the backfield, keeping the Presidents' lead at 41-35.

Once the Raiders got the ball back, Galligan ran a similar play to the two-point conversion. This time, he faked a handoff and ran a bootleg 10 yards into the end zone for the game-tying

touchdown. With the game tied at 41 apiece, the Raiders had a chance to win the game on the two-point conversion attempt. The team had four wide receivers on the field, indicating

that Galligan might throw a pass. Instead, he ran the ball into the end zone from three yards out for the game-winning two-point conversion. The Raiders won the game 43-41.

The game was competitive throughout. Galligan tossed a 31-yard touchdown pass to Marques Rodrigues-Smith, and Ryan Wirtz had a three-yard touchdown run

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RAIDERS CELEBRATE with quarterback Mikey Galligan (holding football) after the senior quarterback scored on a two-point conversion to give North Quincy a 43-41 overtime win over Quincy in the 92nd city football championship. Teammates include #5 Tim Toland and #50 Mike Nista.



RAIN-SOAKED PLAYERS and fans celebrate seconds after the North Quincy Raiders defeated the Quincy Presidents 43-41 in overtime in the 92nd city football championship on Thanksgiving Day at Veterans' Memorial Stadium.



QUINCY VS. NORTH QUINCY football championship game is always a hard-fought battle between two high schools steeped in pride and tradition. Here Quincy's Donovan O'Connell and North Quincy's Philip Le share a moment after the Raiders defeated the Presidents in overtime, 43-41. At right: Quincy's Jayden Francois and North Quincy's Alvin Nikolla embrace as the team's shake hands at mid-field at the game's conclusion.

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in the first quarter, to put the Raiders up 14-0, but Presidents quarterback Nate Goff hit Jayden Francois with a 43-yard touchdown pass; the extra point was good, making it 14-7.

Then, Galligan put the Presidents up 21-7 with a 21-yard touchdown pass to Rodrigues-Smith late in the first quarter. However, the game was tied at 21 apiece at the end of the first half after a 21-yard touchdown run from Jonas Ala, plus a 17-yard touchdown pass from Ala to Francois, and two extra-point kicks gave the Presidents 14 more points.

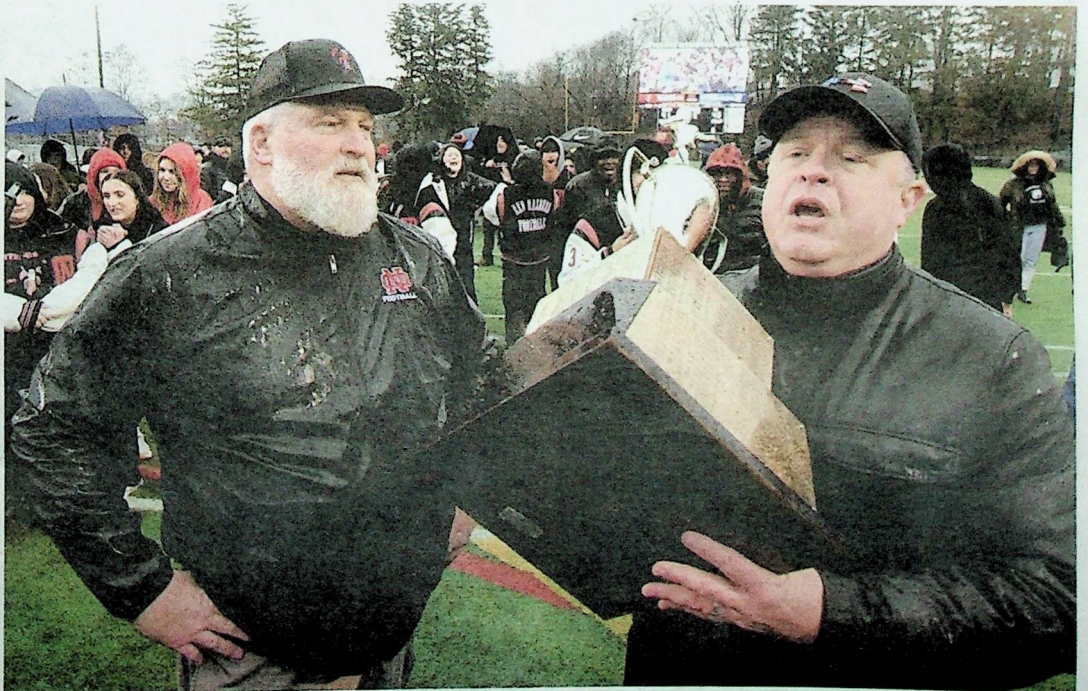
Neither team scored in the third quarter, but the Presidents pulled ahead 27-21 with about four minutes left in the fourth quarter on an eight-yard touchdown run from Steinberg. The two-point conversion at-

tempt was unsuccessful.

Though the Raiders won the game, the Presidents lead the all-time series 49-38-5.

Galligan's heroics capped a story-book career as the Raider signal caller and solidified his place as one of the best - if not the best - quarterbacks to play high school football in Quincy. Galligan finished the season with 30 touchdown passes and completed 140 passes for 2,224 yards - both city records. He also owns the record for most career touchdown passes with 57 and passing yards (4,602).

But it will be that 38-yard pass to Tyler Cromwell that fans will remember for years to come. And his OT run and conversion that carved his indelible place in the lore of the Quincy-North Quincy football rivalry.



QUINCY SCHOOL SUPT. Kevin Mulvey (right) presents the City Football Championship Trophy to North Quincy head coach Ryan Craig after the Raiders defeated the Quincy Presidents 43-41 in overtime on Thanksgiving at Veterans' Memorial Stadium. Craig has led the North Quincy team to victory in the city football championship in five of his seven seasons as head coach.

North Quincy vs. Quincy - 92nd City Football Championship

Thursday, Nov. 28, 2024 - Veterans' Memorial Stadium: Final Score NQ 43-Q 41 In OT

11/28 @ 10a	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT1	Final
North Quincy	21	0	0	14	8	43
Quincy	7	14	0	14	6	41

Scoring Summary

First Quarter Summary:

10:25 - NQ - Marques Rodrigues-Smith 31 pass from Mike Galligan (Alvin Nikolla kick) - 4 plays, 64 yards, 1:27
8:22 - NQ - Ryan Wirtz 5 run (Nikolla kick) - 4 plays, 22 yards, 1:46
1:19 - Q - Jayden Francois 43 pass from Nate Goff (Brayden O'Connell kick) - 7 plays, 64 yards, 6:54
0:39 - NQ - Rodrigues-Smith 21 pass from Galligan (Nikolla kick) - 2 plays, 31 yards, 0:29

Second Quarter Summary:

9:59 - Q - Jonas Ala 22 run (O'Connell kick) - 1 play, 22 yards, 0:09
0:17 - Q - Francois 18 pass from Ala (O'Connell kick) - 13 plays, 97 yards, 7:54

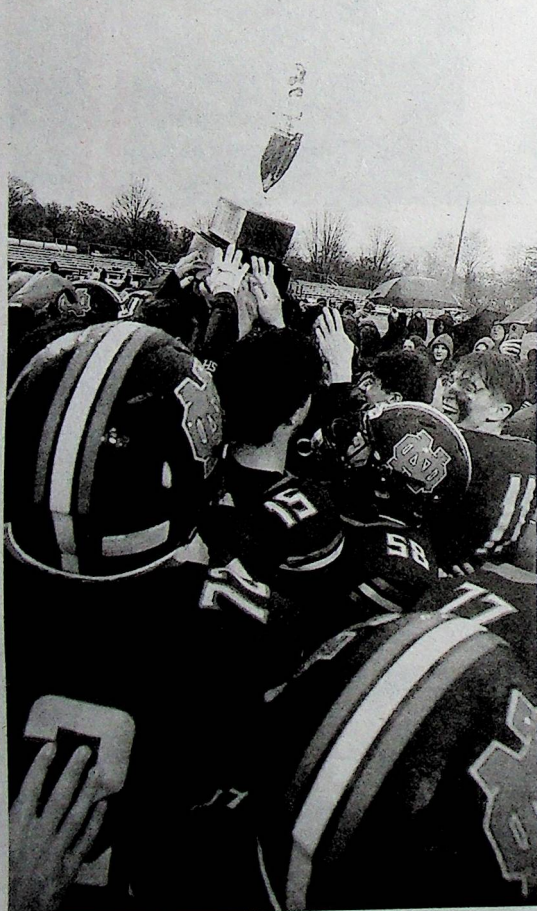
Fourth Quarter Summary:

8:49 - Q - Leo Steinberg 9 run (run failed) - 7 plays, 66 yards, 5:37
2:17 - NQ - Gavin Brown 2 run (kick blocked) - 14 plays, 61 yards, 6:23
0:52 - Q - Steinberg 45 run (Steinberg run) - 7 plays, 64 yards, 1:23
0:00 - NQ - Tyler Cromwell 38 pass from Galligan (Galligan run) - 5 plays, 60 yards, 0:46

Overtime Summary:

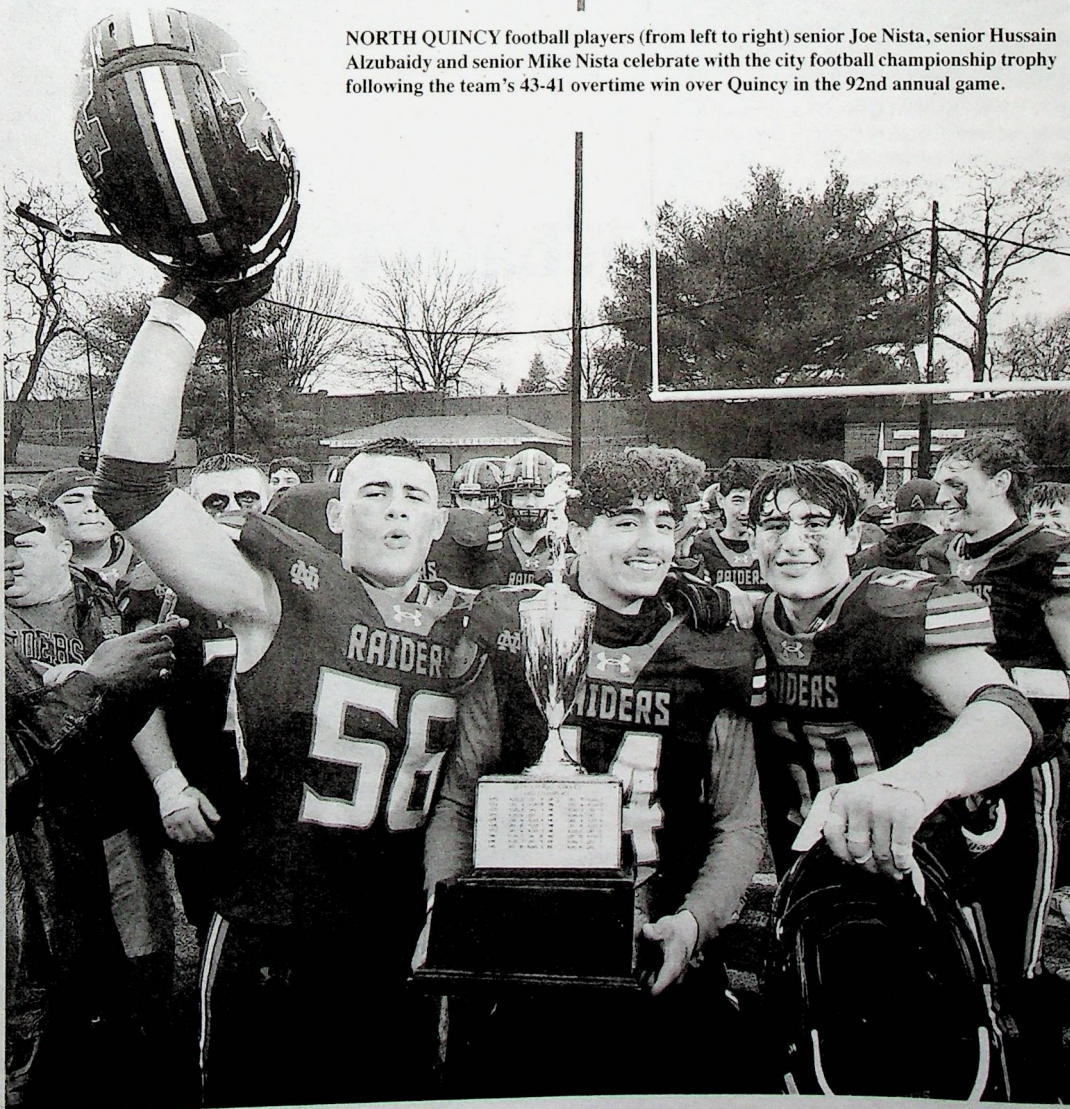
Q - Steinberg 25 run (run failed) - 1 play, 25 yards
NQ - Galligan 10 run (Galligan run) - 1 play, 10 yards

NORTH QUINCY football players (from left to right) senior Joe Nista, senior Hussain Alzubaidy and senior Mike Nista celebrate with the city football championship trophy following the team's 43-41 overtime win over Quincy in the 92nd annual game.



ELATED RAIDERS rally around the city football championship trophy after their 43-41 overtime win over Quincy in the 92nd annual Thanksgiving Day football game at Veterans' Memorial Stadium. Rain kept many fans away from the field as the stands were half filled but those who turned out witnessed one of the greatest games in the storied rivalry.

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QYH Pee Wee B Team Competes In Challenge Cup

There were fewer trick-or-treaters in Quincy this year as the Quincy Youth Hockey Pee Wee B team and their families headed up to Lake Placid to compete in the CAN/AM Challenge Cup with 52 other hockey teams from around the United States and Canada.

The weekend kicked off Thursday night Oct. 31 with a family skate on the legendary Herb Brooks Arena 1980 rink—the very ice where the United States triumphed over the Soviet Union 4-3 enroute to winning the gold medal in the 1980 Olympics. After its “Miracle on Ice” victory over the Soviets, Team USA would clinch gold with a win over Finland.

Out of the 700 players in attendance, four kids from Quincy were selected to present the American flag during the opening ceremonies. Noah Bergin, Caroline Eldridge, Ryan Healy, and Olivia Stewart represented the City of Presidents with pride as the National Anthem played.

The first game of the tournament was a late-night match against the local Sara-Placid Lakers. Quincy came out on top with a hard-fought win to kickstart the weekend. Daniel Mulkern was awarded the MVP of Game 1 for his outstanding positioning in front of the net, creating opportunities for his team.

Day two brought tough challenges with back-to-back one-goal losses to the New Canaan Winter Club and the Mid-Fairfield Hockey Team. Goalie Anthony Sarnacchiaro, known as the team’s leader in the locker room, rallied the group with his energy and positivity, giving them the boost they needed for their final game.

Determined to finish strong, Quincy dominated their last game of the tournament, ending with a solid 2-2 record. Ryan Healy and



THE QUINCY YOUTH HOCKEY Pee Wee B team and their families recently headed up to Lake Placid to compete in the CAN/AM Challenge Cup with 52 other hockey teams from around the United States and Canada.

Jack Bligh anchored the defensive unit with their smart positioning and physical play, while Noah Bergin and Eammon Stewart’s calm approach under pressure helped shut down the opposition’s attack.

Beyond the games, Quincy players excelled in the skills competitions. Jack Bligh, Erin Lavey, Myles Miller, and Caroline Ronan made an electrifying comeback in the speed skating event, reaching the semifinals with incredible determination. Kellan Healy took on the shooting competition, showing off his precision by scoring multiple goals against some top-tier goalies. In the goalie skills competition, Will Ragusa impressed the crowd with his agility and focus, finishing third overall and stopping all but one shot.

Throughout the weekend, forwards like Tommy Burns, Olivia Stewart, and Caroline Eldridge worked tirelessly on the wings, setting up scoring opportunities and tracking back to support their defense. The entire team displayed teamwork and heart, exempli-

fying what Quincy Youth Hockey is all about.

Coaches Kristin Healy, Jason Ronan, and Dan Mulkern couldn’t be proud-

er of their squad’s effort and camaraderie. While they didn’t bring home a medal,

the memories and friend-

ships forged during the trip are worth more than any trophy.

Interested in playing

hockey? The Quincy Youth Arena is the perfect place to start. C’m on down and join the fun!



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QUINCY PLAYERS also excelled in the skills competitions. Reaching the semi-finals of the speedskating event were (from left to right) Jack Bligh, Erin Lavey, Caroline Ronan, and Myles Miller.



IN THE GOALIE skills competition, Will Ragusa impressed the crowd with his agility and focus, finishing third overall and stopping all but one shot.

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Quincy Point Cong. Church Winter Woodland Holiday Fair Saturday

The Winter Woodland Holiday Fair begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7, and ends at 3 p.m. in the downstairs Social Hall at Quincy Point Congregational Church, 444 Washington St.

This festive event will feature signature woodland creatures, denim creations, "Grab and Go" hostess gifts, kid's only shipping table, jewelry, Carole's Cards' Bakery, chances to win 2024 Championship Free Jacks gear and much more.

Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will feature some special cookbook recipe items, like a ham, cheese and pineapple melt.

Fair proceeds will sponsor "Laundry Love" chapter started here in Quincy Point by Karen DeCristofaro. Once a month, on the last Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. free laundry is provided at the Wash-N-Dry at 236 Washington St. This mission has helped numerous families and individuals enjoy the dignity of clean clothes.

Additionally, this year's fair will feature the debut of "Making Meals, Sharing Stories: A Narrative Cookbook from Quincy Point." This unique collection combines local and global recipes with personal stories and historical insights, highlighting the shipbuilding heritage of Quincy Point. Chapters include: Garden to Table, Bowl Me Over, Wrap and Roll, Favorite Dinner Dishes and Sides, Baking Bliss, Game Day Eats, Afternoon Tea, The Shipyard, the U.S. Navy, and "The Point." Proceeds from cookbook sales will benefit Quincy Public School students in need through the McKinney-Vento program, which provides essential resources to ensure students can attend and succeed in school.

On Sunday, Dec. 8, worship for the second week of Advent will be held in the Baharian Chapel. To access the Chapel, enter the doors of the church closest to the Brazilian Flavor Bakery. The Peace candle will be lit for the Advent wreath light-

ing. Rev. Ellen Tatreau will preach a sermon titled, "Pilgrims to Another Way."

The festivities don't stop... the Peace on Earth Christmas Concert with the

Island Grove Chorus takes place in the QPCC Social Hall at 2 p.m. Admission is \$10 and children 10 and under are free.

The sixth annual Quincy

Point Tree Lighting hosted by Councillor Richard Ash and the Ward 2 Civic Association starts at 4:45 p.m. on Sunday, with a 6 p.m. tree lighting.

The public is welcome to join QPCC for a week-end of community, tradition, and holiday cheer in Quincy Point.



Father Bill's & MainSpring Provides 1,800 Thanksgiving Meals

Father Bill's & MainSpring (FBMS), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to ending homelessness in Southern Massachusetts, celebrated Thanksgiving by providing 1,800 meals to individuals and families in need. The effort included in-person community meals at FBMS locations in Quincy and Brockton and meal deliveries to homes across the South Shore.

This milestone marks the largest single-day meal distribution in FBMS's history, made possible by the support of more than 120 volunteers and the expertise of Hardy Catering in West Bridgewater, which prepared the Thanksgiving meals.

This year's community meals were hosted at the Yawkey Housing Resource Center in Quincy and the MainSpring House emergency shelter in Brockton, where approximately 800 meals were provided in a warm, welcoming environment. In addition to the in-person meals, FBMS's



meal-delivery program ensured that 1,000 pre-packed traditional Thanksgiving dinners reached the homes of local individuals and families who otherwise would not have had a holiday meal.

"Thanksgiving embodies the spirit of community, and we are honored to share this day with our neighbors," said John Yazwinski, presi-

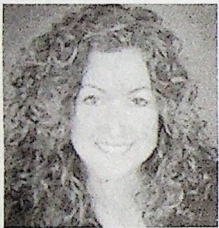
dent and CEO of FBMS. "We're incredibly grateful for the dedication of our volunteers, the generosity of our donors, and the hard work of our team."

Donations to FBMS's Thanksgiving Fund helped cover the added costs of this year's meal service. Special contributions included pies donated by the Boston Bruins Foundation, Cold-

well Banker and third grade students at East Elementary School in Hingham, whose efforts exemplify the power of collective generosity.

FBMS remains committed to serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity. For more information on how to support FBMS's mission, visit helpfbms.org.

Suzie's Kitchen by Suzie Falco



Pumpkin Oat Muffins

We love our muffins! As you know I'm always trying to make a not-so-healthy food a bit healthier without compromising taste. I saw a comedian recently who was making fun of certain foods calling muffins "cupcakes without frosting."

He was referring to all the sugar and processed flour. And he's not wrong!

Here is a recipe using dates only to sweeten the muffins (and oatmeal for the flour). Dates are very sweet but they contain loads of fiber and important nutrients.

As a matter of fact, recent studies show that when people consume dates and check their blood sugar it does not spike. So dates are considered a "low glycemic index" sweetener. This is good news for all of us. (Try spreading peanut butter on a date and rolling in chocolate chips.) Hello snicker bar!

Anyway, this recipe is made in a blender so it's quick and easy. I serve warm with butter. Enjoy!

BLENDER PUMPKIN OAT MUFFINS

- 2 cups rolled oats (I use "One Degree" brand)
- 3 eggs
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup plain pumpkin puree
- 1 ripe banana
- 1 cup PITTED majool dates (if hard soak in hot water to soften for 10 minutes and drain)
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

Place oats alone in blender and blend until almost a flour. Now simply add in everything else and blend until just smooth

Pour into lined muffin tins (I use parchment muffin liners) and bake at 350 degrees for about 18 minutes or so.

Enjoy your healthy muffins!



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OBITUARIES

Patrick E. O'Donnell, 86

Patrick E. "Padraig" O'Donnell, a longtime resident of Quincy (Hough's Neck), passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his loving family on Monday, November 25, 2024. He was 86.

Patrick was born in the Irishmore Aran Islands, Galway, Ireland to Delia (Kelly) and Denis O'Donnell. He started working at the age of 12 and would continue to do so for most of his life. Patrick moved to the U.S. in 1959 when he was 21. After settling in the states, he reconnected with Mary Powell, who he knew from Ireland. The two were inseparable and would go on to get married and start a family.

Patrick was a proud member of the Local 223 Laborer's Union and worked as a laborer for 40 years before retiring. After his retirement he enjoyed many trips back to Ireland to visit family and friends. Retirement certainly didn't stunt Patrick's work ethic. He was always sure to keep busy and put his skills as a carpenter to use by helping family and friends every chance that he could.

He was a kind and gentle soul that was a constant and reliable presence in the lives of those he loved. Although small in stature, Patrick had a quiet strength that often surprised those that were lucky enough to witness some of his many feats of strength. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Beloved husband of 55 years to Mary O'Donnell



PATRICK E. O'DONNELL

(Powell) of Quincy. Devoted father to Patrick G. O'Donnell of Quincy, Maureen Lynn and her husband Roderick of Holbrook, Deirdre Bertone and her husband Richard of Weymouth, and Brian O'Donnell and his girlfriend Roshni of Brighton. Predeceased by his siblings: Mary O'Donnell, Tomas O'Donnell, Bridie Dillane, Peggy Myers, Martin O'Donnell, Catherine O'Donnell, and Annie Robinson. Adoring grandfather to Riley and Kendall Lynn, and Richard and Brendan Bertone. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours were held Nov. 29 in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy. A Celebration of Life Service was held in the funeral home on Nov. 30 prior to the Funeral Mass in Holy Trinity Parish at Most Blessed Sacrament Church, Quincy. Burial in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Boston.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Patrick may be made to Holy Trinity Parish, 227 Sea St., Quincy, MA, 02169. Please see www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences.

Mary M. Montminy, 102

Mary Margaret (Kenneally) Montminy of Quincy, a beloved wife, mother, nana, sister, aunt, neighbor, and friend, formerly of Dorchester, died peacefully surrounded by her loving family at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston on Nov. 26, 2024. She was 102 years young.

Born in Boston to a large Irish family, she was one of 9 children and the daughter of the late Jeremiah and Mary (Oram) Kenneally. Mary graduated from Dorchester High School with the Class of 1938. She worked as a bookkeeper and later as a secretary for many years. She was a devout Catholic who loved the Mass, receiving the Eucharist, and praying the Rosary each day.

Mary had a wonderful sense of humor, a quick wit and was always full of life, brightening any room she entered. She was a terrific homemaker, a passionate baker, and an avid reader of newspapers and any cooking themed magazine. She loved travel, especially, visiting Ireland with her daughter, Maureen, and family trips to Naples, FL. She always retained a sense of curiosity, enjoyed meeting new friends and participating in all the community activities at the Hancock Park Assisted Living Residences. She was selfless in doing for others.

One of her greatest joys was spending time with her grandchildren, including her twin granddaughters, Jackie and Julie Montminy, with whom she shared a deep and loving bond from the day they were born when Mary was 75. Mary always said that they kept her young – and she was right.

She overcame many hardships in life and leaves a meaningful legacy of faith, love, resilience, humility, grace, compassion, and good humor. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Mary was the wife of Alphonse A. Montminy who died in 1994. She is survived by her daughters, Maureen Tocchio of Quincy, Carol Hyland of Wey-



MARY M. MONTMINY

mouth and Louise Kelly of Braintree, and her son, Thomas Montminy and his wife Amy of Quincy. She is also survived by her beloved sister, Claire Armstrong, of Dorchester and by many grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews – all of whom she is very proud.

Mary was predeceased by her parents, Jeremiah and Mary (Oram) Kenneally, her brothers, Joseph Kenneally, Francis Kenneally, Robert Kenneally, Edward Kenneally, Paul Kenneally, and Gerald Kenneally, and her beloved sister, Eleanor Collier.

Mary's family is very grateful for the exquisite care provided by her caregivers at the Hancock Park Assisted Living Facility and the Harbor Health PACE Program staff. Their compassion, kindness, gentleness, and geriatric knowledge allowed Mary to live comfortably and joyfully as a centenarian.

In lieu of flowers, Mary would want you to be kind to each other and spend time with your family and friends. Life is precious – even 102 years can be brief. For those who wish, donations may be made in Mary's honor to Father Bill's and Mainspring, 430 Belmont St., Brockton, MA 02301 or online at HelpFBMS.org/donate/.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 30 in St. Agatha Church, Milton. Interment at Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Alfred D. Thomas Funeral Home, 326 Granite Ave, Milton, MA 02186.

Mary K. Bailey

Mary K. (Fontana) Bailey, 82, of Quincy, MA, formerly of South Boston, passed away on Friday, Nov. 29, 2024.

Mary was the beloved wife of the late John "Jack" Bailey and daughter of the late Anna (O'Neil) and Joseph Fontana of South Boston. Loving mother of Jacqueline Grattan and her husband Frederick of Hanover, William Bailey and his wife Maureen of South Boston, John Bailey and his fiancée Ann Davis of Chelsea, and Brian Bailey and his wife Fiona of Weymouth. Mary was the cherished grandmother of Rose, Brittney, Kristyn, Olivia, Owen, and Declan, and great grandmother to Maevae, Una Rose, and Rory. Mary was the loving sister of William and Sheila Fontana of Quincy, Joseph and Virginia Fontana of Florida, Joan and Robert Lantz of New Hampshire, Gerard Fontana of Quincy, Katherine Fontana of Quincy, and the late Phyllis MacMurdo of Holbrook. Mary is also survived by



MARY K. BAILEY

many nieces and nephews, relatives, and dear friends.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to greet the family during the visiting hours on Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024, from 8:30-10 a.m. in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy.

Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024, at Divine Mercy Parish in St. Ann's Church, Quincy at 10:30 a.m.

Services will conclude with interment in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Boston.

See www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences.

Ellen P. Lyons

It is with great sadness that the family of Ellen P. (O'Neil) Lyons of Quincy, Massachusetts announces her passing on Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024.

Ellen was born in Boston to Virginia (Toland) and Robert O'Neil. The family moved to the Houghs Neck section of Quincy in 1954 where she attended Quincy schools.

As a teenager, Ellen worked as a baby sitter and continued the family tradition of home delivering newspapers. She worked in the insurance industry for many years before retiring to raise her son, Jared.

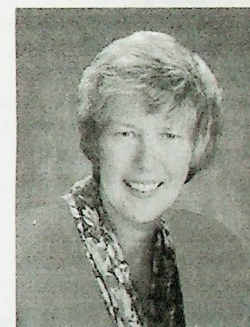
Ellen was a devoted mother, guiding her son through his many activities and studies.

She enjoyed trips to Nova Scotia on "The Cat", Foxwoods, and New Port Richey, Florida.

Her house was always open to others for holidays and dinners. When Jared was young, she and George arranged for Santa to visit during their annual Christmas parties. It was a treat for the children and adults, with a lovely dinner to follow.

At the end, Ellen was surrounded by loving family and died peacefully after saying good bye. We will remember her for the laughter she brought to many, her big heart and compassionate understanding.

Ellen is survived by



ELLEN P. LYONS

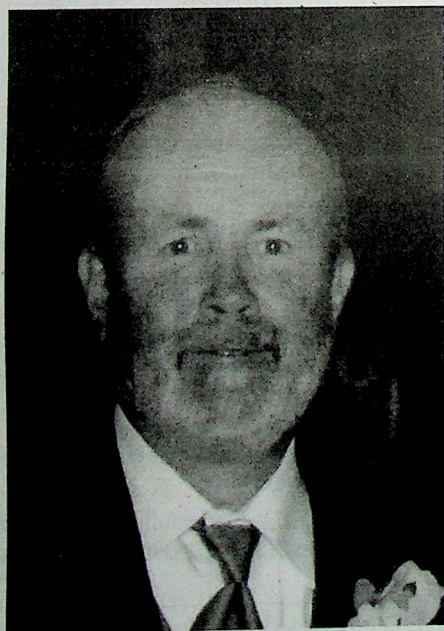
her husband of 51 years, George, retired Federal Police Officer Dept. of Homeland Security Federal Protective Services, her son Jared (wife Rebecca (Johnson) Lyons), brother Robert (wife Sharyn Hayden), brother William (wife Luisa Mandawe), sister-in-law Rosalie (Lane) O'Neil, as well as many loving nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews, cousins, and dear friends. She was the sister of the late Richard O'Neil and the late Edward O'Neil.

Memorial Visiting Hours will be held at the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Ave, Quincy on Friday, Dec. 6, from 4 – 7 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

For those who wish, donations in Ellen's memory may be made to the charity of your choice.

You are invited to visit www.thesweeneybrothers.com or call 617-472-6344.

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Kevin M. Bearde, 77

On Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2024 Kevin M. Bearde, of Quincy and Hull, received his wings to heaven, peacefully at home by the sea surrounded by love. Kevin was 77 years old, born Oct. 31, 1947 in Boston, Ma to James J. and Eileen M. (O'Neil) Bearde.

Kevin graduated from Jamaica Plain High School; moving on to the family Gas station business established 1951. Kevin worked side by side with his father, teaching his brothers the business at a young age. The most important things in Kevin's life, his lifelong devotion holding the Presidents Chair at our family owned business of Jim Bearde and Sons located in Quincy.

Family legacy was truly the foundation of Kevin's life. Kevin, a kind, loving, Son, Brother, Uncle and Friend, holding them close to his heart. Kevin devoted his heart and soul to building something meaningful, he understood the value of hard work and the value of fostering relationships built on trust and respect. Kevin was proud of being the oldest U-Haul affil-



KEVIN M. BEARDE

ate, countless stories Kevin shared and how many lives he touched while at the Gas station.

Kevin a quiet, kind man within his home life with his loving family surrounding him was his most treasured time. Sunday dinner, watching the Red Sox, loving football always dressed for the game.

Kevin is survived by Four brothers, James J. and his wife Patricia Bearde of Utah, Roger Bearde and his fiancé Deborah Joyce of Hull, Brian N. and his wife Deborah A. Bearde of Braintree, Dennis J. Gluffing of Cohasset, Two sisters Donneleen and her

husband Richard Moordian of Hull, Noreen Bearde and her fiancé Frank Clifford of Hull, Uncle to Lisa Taylor and her partner Matt Ricca of Utah, Angie and her late husband Mike Manning of Idaho, Great uncle to Brixton Taylor, Hannah and her husband Austin Zameski, Sierra and her husband Kaden Corbridge all of Utah, and Spencer Manning of Idaho, and Great-Great Uncle to Swayzee Mae Manning of Idaho. Kevin was blessed with many nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours were held Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024 in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy. A Celebration of Life Service was held in the funeral home on Monday, Dec. 2nd prior to the Funeral Mass in St. Ann's Church, Quincy. Burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury alongside his parents immediately followed. See www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences.

Donations may be made to American Diabetes Association, PO Box 7023, Merifield, VA 22116-7023.

Helen M. Isaac, 91

Helen M. (Delorey) Isaac, age 91, a lifelong resident of Quincy, died peacefully, Thursday, Nov. 21, 2024 at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, surrounded by her loving family.

Helen was born in Quincy, to the late Jeremiah W. and Mabel (Bell) Delorey. Raised and educated there, she was a graduate of Quincy High School.

She was primarily a dedicated homemaker, and later in life, after raising her children, worked as an assembler for the Raytheon Company for seven years.

Helen was an exceptional cook and loved cooking for a crowd. There was always a seat at her table for anyone who stopped by to visit. She was very humble, and her good works were known by few. Whether feeding the hungry, clothing those in need of warm clothes, or sharing her home with those who may have been in need of a place to rest their head.

She loved animals and was known to feed all the animals who visited her yard, whether birds, squirrels, cats, or her own dogs. She would make sure they always had something to eat. When her eyesight was better, she enjoyed reading, Scrabble, puzzles, and



HELEN M. ISAAC

watching cowboy movies.

She was proud of her Scottish heritage and was a member of the "Daughters of Scotia". Helen loved to travel and went on many trips with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Her other traveling companions were her cousins, Patty Ditullio, Billy-Jean Woodford, and stepsister, Margret Landry. They had many adventures and loved being together to enjoy life.

Most of all, she was devoted to her family, always supporting the activities and accomplishments of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Her family was her life.

Beloved wife of the late John S. "Jack" Isaac to whom she was married for 68 years. They lived on the same street as children and

had known each other since the second grade. After marriage, they lived in Florida for a short while, and returned to Quincy as their new home in Rockland was being built. They again returned to Quincy where, after the passing of Jack, she continued to reside until her passing.

Devoted mother of Deborah Curran and her husband Joseph of Hanover, Jackie Isaac of Quincy, Mary Ryan and her husband Edward "Eddie" of Hanover, Jerry Isaac of Quincy, the late Anthony "Tony" Isaac and his surviving wife Margie of Weymouth, and the late Richard S. "Richie" Isaac.

Loving grandmother of twelve and great grandmother of fourteen.

One of two siblings, she was the dear sister of Linda L. Johnson and her partner Mae of Rockland, and predeceased by her brother, Richard J. "Dick" Delorey. Helen is also survived by many cousins, nieces, and nephews, and their families.

At the request of the family, funeral services were private.

For those who wish, donations in Helen's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or the Alzheimer's Association, 320 Nevada St., Suite 201, Newton, MA 02460.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Ave., Quincy. You are invited to visit www.thesweeneybrothers.com or call 617-472-6344.

Carmela Giubilo



CARMELA GIUBILO

With deep sadness, we announce the passing of Carmela (Patania) Giubilo, beloved wife of the late Pasquale Giubilo, who peacefully left us on Nov. 28th, 2024, surrounded by the love of her devoted family. Born in Augusta, Sicily, on Sept. 11th, 1932. Carmela was one of eight children of Domenico and Teresa Patania.

From the age of 3, she showed a passion for music, and her beautiful voice was often heard in local schools, where her mother would take her to sing folk songs. However, during World War II, the bombings in Augusta interrupted her education, and the priority became keeping the family safe. After the war, Carmela began sewing lessons and quickly became the family seamstress, she was extremely talented with a needle and thread.

At the age of 23 she was starting her own sewing business, but God had other plans for her. Fate (family members) introduced her to Pasquale, who gave her 3 days to accept his wedding proposal and move to the United States. She accepted and they married shortly after on July 21st, 1956. Together, they embarked on a journey that would shape a loving, close-knit family. In 1957 she gave birth to her first child and in 1958 they left Italy and sailed to America where her husband Pasquale was waiting for them. Yet, despite the hardships, her determination shone through as she built a life full of love, care, and unwavering devotion. The family grew and the couple welcomed three other children. At times she missed her family back in Sicily terribly, but she met many people who not only became her lifelong friends but also her family.



connected to her faith and her community throughout her life.

Carmela is survived by her children: Domenica Coughlin and her husband Kevin of Quincy; Teresa Giubilo-Strazzulla and her husband Domenico of Augusta (Italy); Carmen Giubilo of East Boston; and John Giubilo and his wife Rosana of East Boston.

Loving grandmother to Maria, James, Alessio, Matthew, Cristian, Christopher, Francesca, Gabriela, and Isabella. Carmela's great-grandchildren, Cristina, William, Abigail, and Burton who brought her great joy in her later years. She was predeceased by her six siblings and is survived by her brother Vittorio Patania of Augusta (Italy).

Carmela is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and sisters in law, all of whom will miss her warmth, kindness, and devotion.

She will be remembered by all who knew her for her immense love, her kindness, her strength, and her unwavering devotion to her family.

Ti porteremo sempre nel nostro cuore, ti vogliamo bene!!!

Family and friends will honor Carmela's life at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home in East Boston on Wednesday, Dec. 4th from 3:00-7:00 p.m. and again on Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. before a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph - St. Lazarus Church in East Boston, with a procession to follow to Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in Carmela's name to St. Anthony Shrine, 100 Arch St., Boston MA 02110 or donate online at stanthonyshrine.org. To leave an online condolence visit www.ruggieromh.com.

AAA: Mass. Gasoline Prices Up One Penny

Much like the lethargy experienced after downing a heaping plate of turkey and stuffing, Northeast gasoline prices are barely moving as markets enter the post-Thanksgiving winter driving period known for soft demand in the weeks leading up to the end of the calendar year.

Prices across most of the Northeast are flat or up or down by just a penny from last week after a notable, but not concerning, 1.2-million-barrel drop in regional gasoline inventories. The rest of the country, on the other hand, saw inventories increase by 3.3 million barrels, according to the Energy Information Administration. With domestic oil production reaching a record-breaking 13.5 million bar-

rels last week, supply and demand expectations for the rest of the year could suggest more inventory builds in the coming weeks.

Another factor that could push prices lower is an apparent cooling of tensions in the Middle East after a ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah took effect last week. Oil prices are lower on hopes that the pause in fighting leads to a long-term end to the conflict.

The average gas price in Massachusetts is up a penny over last week (\$3.02), averaging \$3.03 per gallon. Monday's price is one cent lower than a month ago (\$3.04) and 34 cents lower than this day last year (\$3.37). Massachusetts's average gas price is one cent lower than the national av-

erage.

"Much like the weather, gasoline demand tends to cool dramatically this time of year and pump prices typically reach seasonal lows around mid-December," said Mark Schieldrop, Senior Spokesperson, AAA Northeast. "Time will tell if prices in the Northeast dip much lower over the next few weeks as markets monitor the recent tightening in regional inventories."

AAA Northeast's Dec. 2 survey of fuel prices found the current national average down one cent from last week (\$3.05), averaging \$3.04 gallon. Monday's national average price is seven cents cheaper than a month ago (\$3.11) and 20 cents lower than this day last year (\$3.24).

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OBITUARIES

Arlene A. Pacino, 78

Arlene A. (McPhee) Pacino, of Quincy, died peacefully on Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024, at the South Shore Hospital in Weymouth. She was 78.

Arlene was born in Boston on Oct. 12, 1946, and was the daughter of the late Daniel and Edna (Conley) McPhee. She was raised in Quincy, attended local schools and graduated from North Quincy High School with the Class of 1964. Arlene continued her education at Quincy Junior College.

Arlene was a beloved mother, grandmother, friend, and community volunteer, whose warmth, spirit, and devotion touched the lives of all who knew her.

Arlene was a familiar and trusted figure in the City of Quincy, where she worked as a crossing guard for many years, ensuring the safety of children and families with her watchful eye and friendly smile. Her dedication to her community extended beyond her work, as she volunteered at Sacred Heart Church Bingo and generously supported the Quincy Youth Hockey program, where she made a lasting impact on both the children and families involved.

In addition to her volunteer work, Arlene found joy in many things, particularly spending time with her family. She loved her trips to Foxwoods and cherished



ARLENE A. PACINO

every opportunity to gather with loved ones at family events. A passionate cook, Arlene was known for her delicious meals and, most notably, her signature chocolate cake with mocha frosting—an essential part of every birthday celebration in her family.

Arlene was a breast cancer survivor, demonstrating incredible resilience and strength throughout her journey. Her love and care for her grandchildren were unparalleled. She was a devoted, loyal, and protective grandmother who gave freely of her time and energy to make sure they knew how special they were. Arlene was feisty in spirit, yet her heart was filled with kindness and generosity. Her strength, loyalty, and unwavering support were constants in the lives of her family and friends.

Arlene was the beloved wife of John B. Pacino, with whom she shared many loving years. She was the devoted mother of Elizabeth A. Matheson and her hus-

band Michael of Franklin, John B. Pacino Jr. and his wife Elaine of Hanover, and David P. Pacino, QPD and his wife Siobhan of Braintree. Arlene was the loving grandmother of Nicholas Barry of Franklin, Jack Pacino of Hanover, Danielle Barry of Franklin, Christopher Pacino of Hanover, Ryan Pacino of Braintree, and Fiona Pacino of Braintree. She was the dear sister of Ken McPhee and his wife Marie of Weymouth, and the late Daniel McPhee. Arlene is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to greet the family during the visiting hours on Friday, December 6, 2024, from 4-8 PM in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held in the funeral home at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024, prior to the Funeral Mass at Divine Mercy Parish in Sacred Heart Church, Quincy at 10 a.m.

Services will conclude with interment in Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree.

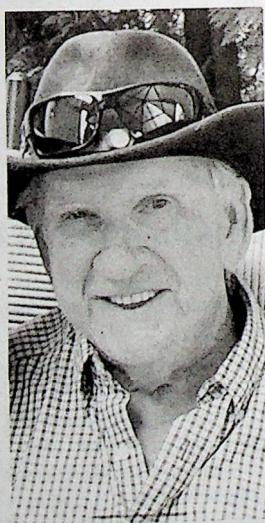
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent in Arlene's name to Quincy Youth Hockey, 60 Murphy Memorial Dr., Quincy, MA 02169.

See www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences.

Alfred 'Geno' Hurd, Jr., 83

Alfred "Geno" Eugene Hurd, Jr. of Quincy, MA passed away peacefully surrounded by family at the age of 83 on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024. Geno was born in Georgetown, MA to the late Alfred E. Hurd, Sr. and Ruth (Eustace) Hurd. He was a proud member of the US Army 101st Airborne Division with 36 career jumps. He worked in construction for many years, in addition to working at the Pine Street Inn in Boston, where he met his beloved wife. In his retirement, Geno started Bayview Canvas and was a well-known face at many marinas in the South Shore and the unofficial "mayor" of The Clipper Yacht Club in Quincy.

Geno was a devoted husband of 32 years to Linda Rae (Mandelson) Hurd and a loving father to Garry Hurd of Florida, Deanna Hurd and her husband Miguel of Quincy, Kevin Hurd and his wife Judith of Quincy, Kelly Soto of Florida, and Tanya Halligan and her husband Jeremy of Pittsburgh.



ALFRED 'GENO' HURD, Jr.

He was a doting Popi to 17 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He is survived by his siblings Mary Jane Sherburne and her husband Robert of New Hampshire, Douglas Hurd and his wife Brenda of New Hampshire, Renee Theofilopoulos and her husband Billy of Haverhill, and Laurie Dion of New Hampshire. Geno is also survived by numerous

nieces and nephews as well as many close friends who turned into family including Andrea Kidney and her husband Steve of Brockton, Quentin Lam and his wife Hilarie of Easton, Naomi LaRue of Missouri, Scott Colleary of Braintree, and Craig Moore of Quincy.

Geno was a quiet man but those who knew him enjoyed his sharp wit and quick sense of humor. He enjoyed watching old westerns, NASCAR, working in his shop, fast cars, and spending time with his family. Geno loved the ocean whether it be watching the boats go by, fishing, or just going for a ride out to Boston Light and loved going to Cape Cod whenever he could.

A celebration of Geno's life took place, Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024 at Groveland Congregational Church, Groveland.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org.

Roberta Lewis, 92

Roberta (Sousa) Lewis, of Englewood, Florida, formerly of Canton and Wareham, Massachusetts, died peacefully on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2024, at Tobey Hospital in Wareham surrounded by her loving family. She was 92.

Roberta was born in Boston on Sept. 17, 1932, and was the daughter of the late Joseph and Mary (Gulizia) Sousa.

Roberta was a beloved wife, devoted mother, loving grandmother and great-grandmother, dear sister and cherished friend. A woman of extraordinary grace and spirit, Roberta's life was defined by her love for family, her vibrant energy, and her deep devotion to those around her.

Roberta was a woman of many passions. She found joy in the simple pleasures of life—whether it was cooking with her children and grandchildren, reading a favorite novel, walking with her husband, Donald, at the Englewood beach, or entertaining at their Capehouse in Wareham. Alongside her husband, Don, Roberta enjoyed traveling to Florida every winter where they often visited the Selby and Ding Darling Gardens, creating lasting moments together where they finally retired in the warmth of the Florida sunshine.

A lifelong lover of sports, Roberta was an ardent fan of the Boston Red Sox and the New England Patriots. Whether cheering on her teams from the comfort of home or watching with friends at the Elks Lodge, her enthusiasm and unwavering support for her favorite players was a constant source of joy.

Above all, Roberta was devoted to her family and loved spending treasured moments with them. Family gatherings were at the heart of her life, and she loved when we were all together. Roberta with her infectious laughter, loving nature, and boundless energy kept us all entertained.



ROBERTA LEWIS

A woman with a heart for service, Roberta was deeply involved in her community. She was a proud member of the Wareham New Bedford Lodge of Elks #73, the National Organization of Women, and the Canton Women's Club. As a Camp Fire Girls leader, she mentored young girls, guiding them with kindness and compassion. Roberta was also a dedicated volunteer for Meals on Wheels in Englewood Florida, where she selflessly gave her time helping. Professionally, Roberta served her community as a successful realtor, her coworkers always joked that Roberta was "dialing for dollars" long before the internet.

Roberta's life was a testament to the values she held dear: love, family, faith, and service. She was energetic, spirited, happy, and thoughtful, always putting the needs of others before her own. Elegant and beautiful, both inside and out, Roberta was a beacon of light to all who knew her. Her kindness, selflessness, and warm heart will forever be remembered by her family, friends, and all who were touched by her remarkable spirit.

Roberta was the beloved wife of the late Donald Thomas Lewis, who passed away in 2012. Together they shared 62 loving years. She was the devoted mother of Joseph Matthew Lewis of Stoughton, Donald Lewis II and his partner Linda Oram of Taunton, Cynthia Lewis

of Quincy, Ginny Lee Lewis and her husband Bill Teed of Onset, and Robin Lewis of Englewood, Florida. Roberta was the loving grandmother of Jennifer McGrath and her husband Dan of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, DJ Lewis of Deep Creek, Florida, Sophia Lewis of Bellingham, Washington, Sarah Cody of St. Louis, Missouri, Cassie Cody of Englewood, Florida, Melissa Cody of Petersburg, Ohio, Zoe Antonopoulos and her husband Brendan Mulrooney of Quincy, and Billy Teed and his wife Meghan of Mashpee. She was the loving great-grandmother of Tamsyn Lewis of Bellingham, Washington, and Owen Mulrooney of Quincy and Mackenzie Teed of Maine. Roberta was the dear sister of Maria Shapiro and her late husband Samuel of Weymouth and was preceded in death by her siblings Virginia Harlow and Joseph Sousa. Roberta is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, extended family, her dear friend Jack O'Donnell of Florida, and her adoring pup companion, Lilly.

Visiting hours were held Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024 in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held in the funeral home at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024, prior to the Funeral Mass at Most Blessed Sacrament Church, Quincy at 10:30 a.m.

Services will conclude with interment in Centre Cemetery, Tihonet Rd., Wareham.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent in Roberta's name to Scholarship Fund, Wareham New Bedford Lodge of Elks #73, PO Box 566, East Wareham, MA 02538.

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several speakers at a public hearing earlier Monday evening urged councillors to put a residential exemption in place. Liang had previously co-sponsored ordinances to establish a residential exemption in the city but has said doing so would not be

feasible. In response to Liang's questions, Rowland said, "there is a breaking point in the formula where people who owned and lived in the property for many years...would pay more in taxes" if the residential exemption was adopted. Liang also asked if the

city could tax large apartment complexes as commercial, not residential properties, another topic that had been raised during the public hearing. Rowland said state law requires all residential properties be taxed at the residential rate, not the commercial one.

In addition, Liang asked Rowland how many different tax exemptions are available to residents. Rowland said there are 20 exemptions available in the city for groups like seniors and veterans, among others. Rowland made copies of a booklet, "Understanding Your Taxes," that explains how the tax rate is set and highlights different tax deductions and exemptions available to residents at the meeting, and said the same booklet would be posted on the city's website, quincyma.gov.

A total of 17 people spoke during Monday's public hearing, which lasted approximately 45 minutes.

Among those who spoke was Maggie McKee of Rawson Road. She said Quincy should follow Boston's lead and adopt a participatory budget process.

"Boston, for example, is a Plan A city and it has a participatory budget process that has started so that people can actually weigh in on some of the budget that is being spent, and I would like Quincy to consider

that," McKee said.

In response, City Council President Ian Cain said the purpose of Monday's hearing was to discuss the tax classifications. He said a separate public hearing is held on the budget each May.

Deborah Riley of Landgrane Street said it is becoming difficult to afford to live in Quincy because of property taxes.

"Taxes are levied to provide essential services to residents. Public safety, education and infrastructure are all worthy of our tax dollars and we are more than willing to pay our fair share," Riley said. "However, the amount of money spent on recreation, entertainment and open space projects has placed an unreasonable burden on the taxpayers."

Cain told Riley the hearing was to discuss the tax classifications, not the budget. When she continued to talk about the budget, Cain cut off her microphone.

Kathy Thrun of Edwards Street said the city has taken commercial properties off the tax rolls. She pointed to

Acapulco's in Quincy Center, a restaurant Koch has proposed to acquire to provide space for a new park honoring John Quincy Adams, and asked how many statues does the city need. Thrun then noted councillors previously approved raises for themselves and the mayor - raises that will be deferred until after their current terms end - at which point Cain asked her whether she supported the proposed residential factor or not. Thrun said it was "meaningless in the face of debt and financial mismanagement."

John Rodophe of Grenwood Road said the council should adopt a CIP shift of 1.5, rather than the shift of 1.75 that was ultimately approved, to reduce the property taxes commercial property owners pay. He said doing so could entice businesses to come to Quincy.

"If the people want to start paying less taxes, what we need is more businesses and the way we get more business here...is by lowering that tax rate," Rodophe said.

OBITUARIES

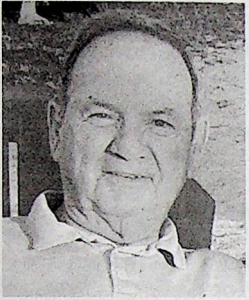
Robert B. 'Bob' Dunphy, 76

Robert B. "Bob" Dunphy, of South Yarmouth, formerly of Hingham, died peacefully on Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024, at Southwood in Norwell. He was 76.

Bob was the beloved husband of 50 years to the late Carol Ann (Marchitelli) Dunphy, who died in 2020; devoted father to his son Robert Dunphy, Jr. of Hyannis and daughter Keri Fabrizio and husband Anthony of Hingham; cherished "Papa" to Abby Dunphy and Anthony, Taylor and Kaylie Fabrizio. He was the dear brother of Ruthann Galardi of Swampscott, and the late George Dunphy of Abington.

Bob was born in Dorchester on September 14, 1948, to the late George and Ruth (Connolly) Dunphy. Bob was raised in Quincy, attended Boston College High School, and continued his education at Northeastern University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in business. He married his wife Carol at the Neighborhood Club in Quincy in 1970 and spent the first 13 years residing in Hanover before moving to Hingham and then settling on the Bass River in South Yarmouth.

Bob was the founder and owner of Dublin Construc-



ROBERT B. DUNPHY

tion, Inc. of Harwich, MA, a family-owned residential custom home building business. Bob retired in 2020 after many years of designing and building homes in the Mid Cape area. Bob was known for being hardworking and driven and taught his family the meaning of working hard and not giving up when life throws you curve balls.

Bob cherished his family and the time he spent with his wife, children, grandchildren and extended family of nieces and nephews and their children. He was an avid sports fan and loved the Boston Red Sox. He looked forward to the summers where he enjoyed boating on the Bass River, spending time at the beach, watching the Hingham 4th of July Parade with his grandchildren, and taking long walks with his wife. He was always the life of the

party at social gatherings, had a great sense of humor, and loved being surrounded by family and friends. He will be missed by all the lives he touched.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to greet the family during the visiting hours on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, 21 Emerald St. (off Central St.), Hingham.

His funeral service will be celebrated on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024, at 12 noon in Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, Hingham.

Services will conclude with interment in High Street Cemetery, Hingham.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Bob's name may be made to the Neurological Clinical Research Institute (NCRI) and mailed to Massachusetts General Hospital Development Office, 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114 or made online by visiting: <https://giving.massgeneral.org/donate>, and designating that that it is for Neurological Clinical Research Institute. Please be sure to indicate that the gift is a tribute gift in memory of Bob.

See www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences.

Mark M. Wilson, 73

Mark M. Wilson, 73, of Quincy, died peacefully on Nov. 6, 2024 after a long illness.

He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the son of the late George and Kathryn (Kinsella) Wilson. He is also predeceased by his twin brother, Donald G. Wilson, and his sister, Judith Kennish. He is survived by his sister, Loretta Zsido and her husband James, of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania; his brother John Wilson and his wife Theresa, of Mountain Laurel, New Jersey; his sister-in-law Ching Wilson and her son Joey Wilson, of New York, New York; and several beloved nieces and nephews.

Mark proudly served his country in Korea as a medic in the U.S. Army. He later worked for many years as a

nurse in various area nursing homes, doing what he loved the most - caring for others in need. He was an active member of St. Joseph's Parish in Quincy, serving in the Holy Name Society, as a lector, and helping at the food pantry.

Over the years he produced and performed many times the one-man play "Damien" (by Aldyth Morris), about Fr. Damien, a Belgian priest who ministered to leper patients on Molokai. St. Damien was known as the "martyr of charity" and was Mark's spiritual hero and model. He most loved to sing, which he would do joyfully with little prompting - in church, at social gatherings, and with fellow patients.

Mark's family is grateful to all of his caregivers

at the VA medical centers in Brockton and West Roxbury and at Foremost in Sharon, all of whom showed him great kindness and compassion. Thank you also to his loyal friends around the country and to his Holy Name friends, who kept up with and visited him during his long illness.

For those who wish, donations may be made in Mark's name to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis TN 38105 (www.stjude.org).

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated in the spring at Saint Joseph Church, 550 Washington St., Quincy.

Funeral arrangements were made by Casper Funeral Services, 187 Dorchester St., Boston.

David P. Ritchie, 78

David P. Ritchie, 78, formerly of Quincy, MA, passed away at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, MA on Nov. 12, 2024.

David is predeceased by his mother, Ann W. (Olsen) Ritchie and his father, George H. Ritchie.

David was born in Quincy, MA in 1946. Attended the Braintree Schools and went on to join the Merchant Marines where he went to sea and traveled the world for many years.

He is lovingly remembered by his close friend and



DAVID P. RITCHIE

former Merchant Marines shipmate, Augustine (Jay)

Daley of Kittery, Maine.

He enjoyed reading and drawing in his free time. He was also an enthusiastic outdoorsman, with an interest and respect for nature and wildlife.

A memorial service will be held at Hamel-Lydon Chapel, 650 Hancock St., Quincy, MA 02170 on Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024 from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given in David's name to a charity of your choice.

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF QUINCY IN COUNCIL

ORDER NO. 2024-156
ORDERED:

December 02, 2024

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Quincy, that the Quincy Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

In Chapter 325. Vehicles and Traffic. Article V Stopping Standing and Parking		
Section 325-74 Parking Restrictions - Prohibited - Handicapped Spaces - Curb Access - Applicability		
Add the following:		
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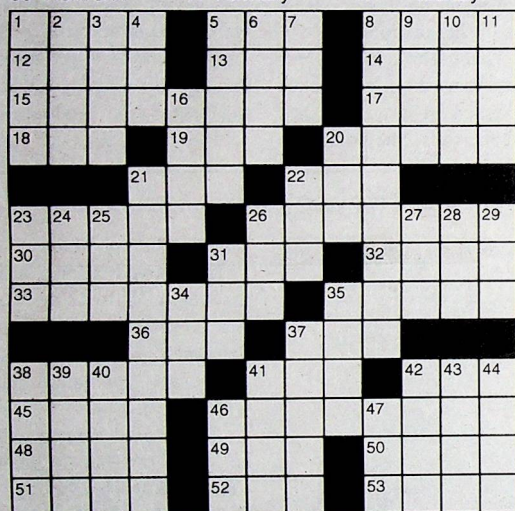
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SUN FUN PAGES

King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Winter coaster
5 Gear tooth
8 Guesser's words
12 "Arrivederci!"
13 Notre Dame coach
14 German refusal
15 Well-known
17 Body powder
18 "Now, where —?"
19 Novelist Deighton
20 One of the Kardashians
21 Squeak stopper
22 Golfer Trevino
23 Lake flock
26 Neighbor of Germany
30 Penny
31 Physique
32 Sci-fi race
33 Boise native
35 Labor group
36 Work unit
- DOWN**
- 1 Garbage barge
2 Director Wertmuller
3 Comestibles
4 Homer's lament
5 Caravan beast
6 Algerian port
7 Hiatus
8 Getting better
9 Authentic
10 Missile shelter
11 Formerly
- 17 Prof's degree
18 Presentation aid
19 Romance
20 "Right you —!"
21 Petty of "Tank Girl"
22 Working
24 "Topaz" author
25 — Dhahi
26 Roman censor
27 Ordered
28 Prof's helpers
29 Strong farm team
- 16 Yale students
20 "Community" actor Jeong
21 Up-and-coming
22 Guided
23 Biol. or chem.
24 Marry
25 Santa — winds
26 Mafia boss
27 Foreman foe
28 Aussie hopper
29 Family
30 Satchel
31 Scrap
32 "Oops!"
33 VIP on Air Force One
34 Sandwich type
35 Circle dance
36 Bone-dry
37 Connecticut
38 Trojan War hero
39 Memory method
40 Black, in verse
41 Feedbag tidbit
42 — friendly



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MAGIC MAZE ● — WATCH

A P M J G D A X V S Q N K I F
D T A X V T Q O M G J H F C A
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Q O N F T M W B K Q U A R T Z
J I H F E S D B L A T I G I D

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: WATCH ON A CHAIN

Analog	Fob	Night	Stop
Blizzard	Graveyard	Quartz	Swiss
Day	Middle	Smart	Wrist
Digital	Neighborhood	Stand	

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CryptoQuip

When you populate an empty meadow with lots of male sheep, I'd consider that ram-ification.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Suitcase is larger, 2. Window is added, 3. Mouth is closed, 4. Backpack is smaller, 5. Moon is larger, 6. Bush is different.

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- ANATOMY:** Where is the glabella located in the human body?
- LITERATURE:** In children's books, what is the name of the Big Red Dog?
- GEOGRAPHY:** In which country would you find the 98-foot-tall Christ the Redeemer figure?
- GAMES:** What number is represented by the phrase "two little ducks" in bingo?
- SCIENCE:** What percentage of air is nitrogen gas?
- MUSIC:** When did Rock the Vote, an organization that encourages young people to vote, come into being?
- TELEVISION:** Which 1970s comedy show features

the theme song "Come On Get Happy"?

- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Which month of the year has the least number of letters?
- U.S. STATES:** Which state is first alphabetically?
- MOVIES:** Which 1983 movie features a character named Tony Montana?

Answers

- Between the eyebrows
- Clifford
- Brazil
- 22
- 78 percent
- 1990
- "The Partridge Family"
- May
- Alabama
- "Scarface"

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A change in holiday travel plans might be more vexing than you'd expected. But try to take it in stride. Also, it couldn't hurt to use your Aries charm to coax out some helpful cooperation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine determination helps you deal with an unforeseen complication. And, as usual, you prove that when it comes to a challenge, you have what it takes to be a contender.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although a romantic theme dominates much of the week, all those warm and fuzzy feelings shouldn't interfere with the more pragmatic matters that you need to take care of.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Best not to ignore doubts about an upcoming decision. Instead, recheck the facts you were given to make sure nothing important was left out. Meanwhile, a weekend surprise awaits you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) No time for a catnap -- yet. You still might have to straighten out one or two factors so that you can finally assure yourself of the truth about a troubling workplace situation. Stay with it.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) News from an old friend could lead to an unexpected (but nonetheless welcome) reunion with someone who had once been very special in your life. Be open to the possibilities.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It might be time for a family council. The

sooner those problems are resolved, the sooner you can move ahead with your holiday preparations. Don't let the opportunity pass you by.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Take some time out to give more attention to a personal relationship that seems to be suffering from a sense of emotional neglect. Provide some much-needed reassurance.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Cheer up! An unusual circumstance that might faze most people can be handled pretty well by the savvy Sagittarian. Look at it as an opportunity rather than an obstacle.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone you believe has hurt you in the past might now need your help. Reaching out could be difficult, but the generous Goat will be able to do the right thing, as always.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Prioritizing is an important part of your preholiday scheduling. Try to give time to both your workday responsibilities and any personal matters you might have neglected.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) With the vestiges of your anger about a painful incident fading, you can now focus all your energy on the more positive aspects of your life, including a certain personal situation.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of bringing your own strong sense of reassurance to others and encouraging them to be hopeful!

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

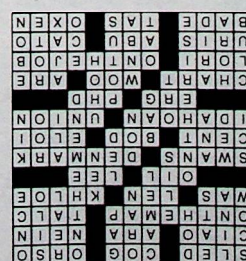
Clue: A equals P

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IWFX LDXXA, N'Q BKCLNQXU
EDWE UWI-NTNBWENKC.

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King Crossword

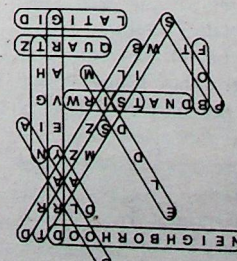
Answers



Solution time: 23 mins.

Magic Maze

ANSWERS:



WATCH

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD – In 2001, Oscar winner Renée Zellweger gave us “Bridget Jones’s Diary,” which grossed \$334.2 million against a \$25-million cost. Four years later, “Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason” came and grossed \$265.1 million against a \$50-million cost. In 2016, she made “Bridget Jones’s Baby,” which grossed \$212 million against a \$35-million cost, and now we’ll get “Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy,” with Emma Thompson, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Isla Fisher, Gemma Jones and Jim Broadbent, just in time for Valentine’s Day.

Social media’s been buzzing about “Blue Bloods,” with fans inferring that it’ll be renewed for season 15. Official blurbs claim that Tom Selleck is certain CBS will come to their senses and renew it. But even as a producer and an Emmy winner for “Magnum, P.I.,” he couldn’t get the hit series past eight seasons.

When “Blue Bloods” began in 2010, the actors’ contracts had automatic salary bumps yearly. By season 13, actors had to take pay cuts to reduce the high cost of producing the show or face cancellation. Selleck, of course, was the highest-paid at \$200,000 an episode, while Donnie Wahlberg earned \$60,000 in the beginning but was bumped up to \$150,000. Will Estes earned \$100,000, and when you’re in all 288 episodes as they were, it becomes a big payday! Add in the escalated costs of shooting in NYC, and CBS had to cancel the show!

Had it remained a top-10 show (it’s currently placed

37), it might have swayed CBS Entertainment president Amy Reisenbach, who explained, “It is a function of having a really strong schedule that we have to refresh, and that means in order to refresh, shows have to eventually end.”

There were even alleged quotes from Selleck saying that he needs “Blue Bloods” to be renewed in order to maintain his avocado farm, which had to be untrue since his net worth is estimated to be at \$45 million!

Are you ready for “Black Panther 3” starring Denzel Washington? Washington’s currently doing Broadway in “Othello,” which he plans to make into a film. He’s also starring in “Gladiator II,” which swashbuckled into theaters on Nov. 22, and he’s just completed Spike Lee’s Apple TV+ crime thriller “High and Low,” with Jeffrey Wright. On Dec. 28, Washington turns 70, and in a recent interview, he confessed, “Especially at this point in my career, I am only interested in working with the best. ... I want to do things I haven’t done.”

Dwayne Johnson’s riding high with “Red One,” an exceptional action/thriller Christmas movie co-starring Chris Evans, J.K. Simmons and Lucy Liu. He also has the animated film “Moana 2” coming out on Nov. 27 and the live-action “Moana” due in July 2026. Back in 2002, he informed his agents that he wanted to be bigger than Will Smith or George Clooney. When they expressed skepticism, The Rock delivered a TKO punch and sacked them!

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GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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KOVELS Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Della Robbia Pottery

Would you believe that one of the most prominent figures in American art pottery came from England? Frederick Hurten Rhead was born in England in 1880 and started his ceramics career by working with his father, Frederick Alfred Rhead. Talent for pottery apparently ran in the family; Frederick Hurten’s uncles George Woolliscroft Rhead and Louis John Rhead, his sister Charlotte and his brother Harry also worked in ceramics.

Frederick Hurten was the art director for Roseville Pottery in Ohio from 1904 to 1908. During his time as there, he created Roseville’s most famous art pottery line, Della Robbia.

This vase, which sold at Morphy Auctions for \$5,632, is an excellent example of Roseville’s Della Robbia and the attention it receives at auctions. This pottery line, named after a sculptor from the Italian Renaissance, features carved relief designs and multiple hand-applied glazes. Rhead created the designs, but other artists made the carvings and applied the glazes.

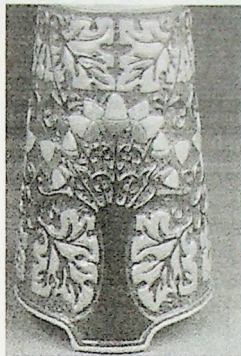


Photo Caption: Rhead, Roseville d Della Robbia are three of the most important names in American art pottery. All of them apply to this vase.

to the 1930s. I would like to find out what the collection is worth or to sell certain stamps.

A: The best way to find a value for your stamps is to take them to an expert for an appraisal. Stamp collecting is highly specialized, and collectors and dealers alike tend to be very knowledgeable and passionate. Look for a specialized stamp dealer in your area. Some coin and jewelry dealers also buy and sell stamps. Check the National Stamp Dealers Association (www.nsdainc.org). The American Philatelic Society (www.stamps.org) can help you find more resources.

TIP: Don’t like to haggle over prices? Write the price you will offer on a small card and give it to the dealer to consider. Or ask the dealer to write down the lowest acceptable price. Probably a good ploy for very expensive antiques or art.

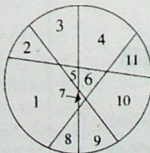
Q: I recently inherited a stamp collection with over 6,000 stamps foreign and from the United States. It is believed to be from my grandfather back in the 1920s when he was in the Navy. The dates on the stamps are from the 1860s and ‘70s

STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

Below is a circle that has been divided into 11 regions using four straight lines. This is the maximum number of regions that can be created with four lines.

Can you determine the maximum number of regions that can be created using six straight lines?



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Stickelers
Answer

The maximum number of regions that can be created in a circle using six straight lines is 22.

Strange BUT TRUE

• In cities like Seattle and Des Moines, the number of parking spaces per acre is about five to 20 times that of residential units.

• Spiked and studded dog collars derive from the days of the ancient Greeks, who would give their sheepdogs sharply spiked collars to protect their necks from wolves while they watched over a shepherd’s flock at night.

• A theory suggests that the entire internet, based on the mass of moving electrons, weighs about as much as a strawberry.

• The “Ding” bowl, purchased for \$3 at a New York garage sale, turned out to be a 1,000-year-old Chinese bowl from the Northern Song Dynasty. It later sold at auction for \$2.2 million.

• Big League Chew bubblegum created its biggest-ever pouch for Shaquille O’Neal, at an impressive 24 inches by 18 inches, more than 15 times the size of a regular pouch.

• The square dance is the official state dance (or folk

dance) of 24 states.

• Ancient Roman artisans created a glass chalice known as the Lycurgus Cup with nanoparticles of gold and silver so the type of liquid it contained would determine its appearance. On display, the cup appears jade-green when lit from the front, but blood-red when lit from behind.

• Nepal’s Kusunda language has no words for yes or no, or for directions such as left or right.

• Modern Olympics founder Baron Coubertin tried to create an Olympic event combining a 14-km race with a written essay to demonstrate prowess in mind and body. It never made it to the starting block.

• Contrary to popular belief, the bottom figures on a totem pole usually hold the most significance, as their placement keeps them closer to viewers.

Thought for the Day:

“The key is in not spending time, but in investing it.” -- Stephen R. Covey

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Now here’s a tip!

by Jo Ann Derson

• If you are serving hot rolls on a buffet, line the basket with aluminum foil before you line it with a towel. They lose heat less quickly that way.

• “I’ve loved this little trick since I saw it used at a party years ago. I served iced tea (or punch) at most of my get-togethers, and instead of ice cubes, I freeze several pounds of cleaned, de-stemmed white grapes. They are a hit at every party.” -- M.A. in New York

• Need almost-instant party snacks? Try a package of store-bought cheese tortellini. Cook according to package instructions (usually only a few minutes), toss with oil or salad dressing and stick each on a toothpick.

• “A great way to make things comfortable for guests is to print out a copy of the channel lineup for your cable service provider. You also can print out common remote control buttons

or any remote-control or TV instructions for streaming movies, etc. This helps us older folks enjoy a few hours of TV time while the younger kids are out at work or school.” -- H.P. in Nebraska

• At holiday parties, try this tip to avoid overeating: Keep a drink in your dominant hand. You’ll be less likely to graze on high-fat chips and other snack foods. Need a little something? Hope for a veggie platter. But whether it’s veggies or chips, grab a couple then WALK AWAY from the table before you can hit the dip.

• Here’s a great conversation piece: Get a big, shallow bowl or box, fill it with loose snapshots (preferably of holidays past) and set it on your coffee table. People can’t resist photos.

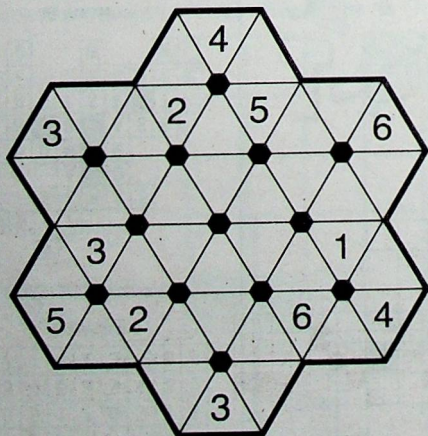
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them: No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



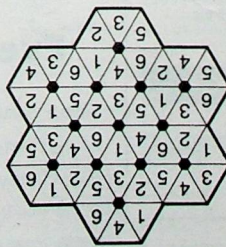
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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SNOWFLAKES

solution



Go Figure!

24	7	5
=	=	=
11 = 8	+ 3	- 9
x	-	-
3 = 2	÷ 1	- 7
-	+	+
8 = 5	- 6	+ 4
Answers		

Go Figure!

Super Crossword

BREEDS ON
THE DECLINE

ACROSS

- 1 Lagoons
6 Jaunty greeting
10 Basics
14 Aid in crime
18 Full of vitality
19 Purim's month
20 Patio cooker
22 Sage guide
23 Pope after Sergius II
24 Acting Ward
25 "Same here"
26 Arab country
27 Player hitting to prepare for a spike
30 Energetic journalist
32 Chicago-to-Tampa dir.
33 Suffix with leopard
34 Caroling song
35 Journalist covering a particular sector
38 To be, to Bardot
39 Lock of hair
40 Dubai's country, for short
41 "Kung Fu Hustle" director and star

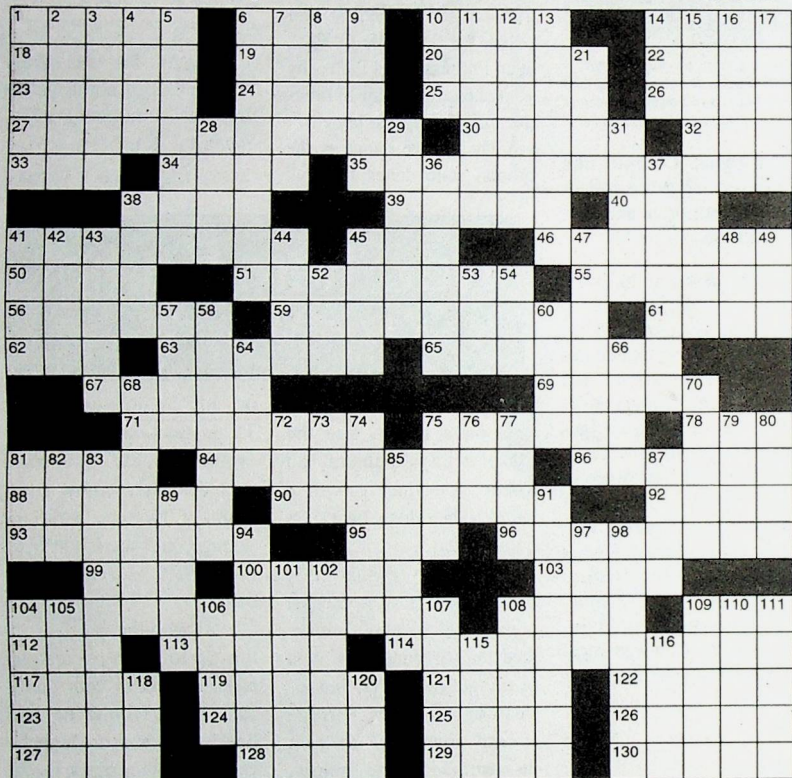
- 45 Canonized Mlle.
46 Campers under canvas
50 Field unit
51 Jarred
55 Having no commercials
56 High-scoring hoops shot
59 Met or La Scala frequenter
61 "That didn't escape my notice"
62 Prior to, to bards
63 Pooch's cry
65 Country singer Blake
67 Andrea — (ill-fated ship)
69 Swimming sensation at the 1972 Olympics
71 Nine-sided shape
75 Comic buffoon
78 Entertainer Zadora
81 Deli salad
84 Injury rehab professional
86 Scattering in the field
88 Baja blanket
90 Vandals, e.g.

- 92 Gillette brand
93 Genghis Khan followers
95 Silvery gray
96 Deliverer of a fine spray
99 Text-scanning device, briefly
100 Revises text
103 First letter of the Arabic alphabet
104 130-to-135-pound bout competitor
108 "— Well That Ends Well"
109 Cavity fillers' org.
112 According to Sheriff's star
114 Popular yoga pose ... or something found seven times in this puzzle
117 Color shade
119 Research facility
121 TV "Warrior Princess"
122 Duck with soft feathers
123 Tortilla treat
124 One of the singing Braxton sisters

- 125 Eternally
126 Love, to Lucia
127 Place of bliss
128 Stuck-up type
129 Relaxation
130 Crowded

- 36 Sports sites
37 Snitching sort
38 Sort of sword
41 Fill totally
42 Sch. worker
43 Went wrong
44 See
41-Across
45 Give a bias to
47 Wildlife-tracking aids
48 Lulu Hogg player Peggy
49 Stitch up
52 GI address
53 "Blech!"
54 "The Raven" poet
57 Spanish river
58 See
56-Across
60 Red Muppet
64 Infant's cry
66 Nabisco treat
68 Doing
69 Sentry duty
70 See
69-Across
72 H.S.-level exam
73 "... bug — feature?"
74 Quarterback great Joe
75 Relief sound
76 Mao — tung
77 Other, to Gabriela
79 About

- 80 Petri dish gel
81 Old JFK jet
82 Meadow
83 Haughtiness
85 Gridiron
87 Street urchin
89 Alternative to "Section 2"
91 Steadfast
94 Spring farm machines
97 Earthen pot
98 Interpret wrongly
101 Starts eating, informally
102 "— kick from champagne" (Cole Porter lyric)
104 Milk, in Italy
105 Homer epic
106 Bulb unit
107 See
104-Across
108 Two of Henry VIII's wives
109 Append
110 Active sorts
111 Match up
115 "— Only Just Begun"
116 Very thin coin
118 2,000 pounds
120 See
119-Across



celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q: What ever happened to Jussie Smollett since he was let out of jail after he was convicted for lying about being a victim of assault? Does he have any career left in Hollywood after this? -- U.L.

A: Actor Jussie Smollett was at the peak of his career as a regular on the hit Fox series "Empire" when he said he was the victim of a hate crime. He eventually admitted that he staged the incident with his "attackers" and was subsequently charged with falsifying police reports. He was sentenced to 150 days in jail but only served six days before being released in 2023. The Illinois Supreme Court also recently ruled that he will not have to return to jail to finish his sentence, which was a possibility at one point.

As for his career in front of the camera, this appears to be over for now. He did direct, co-write and star in a movie called "The Lost Holiday" this year with Vivica A. Fox ("Curb Your Enthusiasm") and Jabari Redd ("The Chi"). But he has no other projects on the horizon.

Q: When is "The Traitors" coming back, and who will be competing this

time besides Tom Sandoval? -- S.E.

A: Season three of the American version of the whodunit reality show "The Traitors" returns to Peacock on Jan. 9, 2025. Set in an ancient castle in the Scottish Highlands, celebrity contestants compete to be the last one standing for a six-figure cash prize. With ratings of over 2.5 million viewers, they're also competing for more fame than they ever achieved prior to the show.

The upcoming season has already been filmed, and episodes will be released weekly instead of all at once, which increases the suspense for viewers at home. The third season's cast includes Tom Sandoval from "Vanderpump Rules"; Robyn Dixon, Dorinda Medley, Dolores Catania and Chanel Ayan all from "The Real Housewives" of various cities; "Big Brother" stars Danielle Reyes and Britney Haynes; "Survivor" alums Boston Rob Mariano, Carolyn Wiger, Jeremy Collins, and Tony Vlachos; Chrishell Stause ("Selling Sunset"); and British Royal Lord Ivar Mountbatten.

The delightful, quippy host Alan Cumming and his fantastic wardrobe will return. His rescue dog, Lala, who appeared onscreen last season, has been given a promotion to "co-host," and the two will likely be wearing matching outfits once again.

Q: Is country music singer Alana Springsteen



Jussie Smollett
("The Lost Holiday")

DepositPhotos

related to Bruce Springsteen at all? I've heard both "yes" and "no." -- A.E.

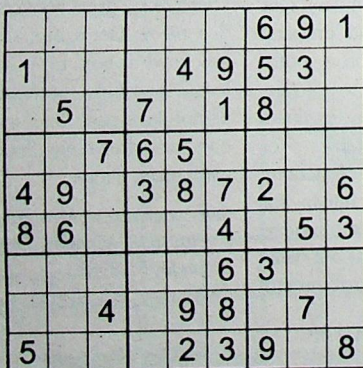
A: No, the two singers aren't related, but it's a question she is often asked. The 22-year-old singer-songwriter moved to Nashville, Tennessee, at age 14 and released her debut album "Twenty Something" last year. She says she had thought about changing her last name at one point because she didn't want people to think she was taking advantage of the Springsteen name, but she decided to stay true to herself and keep her surname.

As for Bruce, he has three grown children with wife and bandmate Patti Scialfa, but none has followed in their parents' rock-star footsteps.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWs, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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Weekly SUDOKU



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

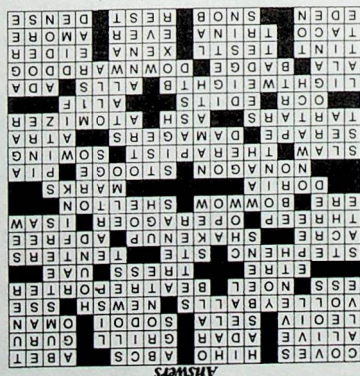
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

Answers



Even Exchange

answers

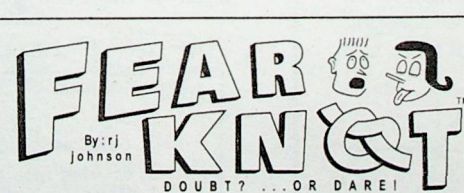
1. Greet, Great
2. Curdle, Cuddle
3. Tense, Tease
4. Brooke, Brooks
5. Waist, Wrist
6. Yellow, Below
7. Notion, Nation
8. Water, Wafer
9. Flake, Flare
10. Invite, Incite

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

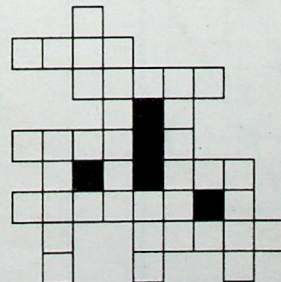
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Welcome — — — E — — Fantastic — — — A —
2. Coagulate — — R — — — Snuggle — — D — —
3. Rigid — — N — — — Harass — — A — —
4. Actress Shields — — — — — E Babbling streams — — — — — S
5. Belt location — — A — — — Watch location — — R — —
6. Cowardly color Y — — — — Bull's roar B — — — —
7. Idea — — O — — — Country — — A — —
8. Thirst quencher — — T — — — Thin biscuit — — F — —
9. Snow segment — — K — — — Flash of fire — — R — —
10. Summons — — V — — — Provoke — — C — —

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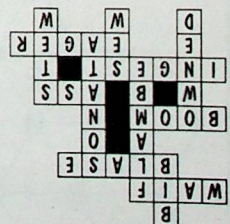
- SWE
♥ GITSNE
♥ ERAGE
OMBO
OATSNA
BBI
FAWI
♥ ODWEN
SAS
BAFMEL
♥ EBSLA
♥ TWSE



Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

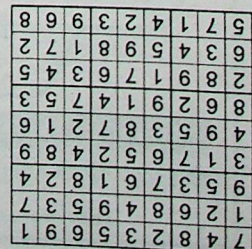
FEAR KNOT

answer

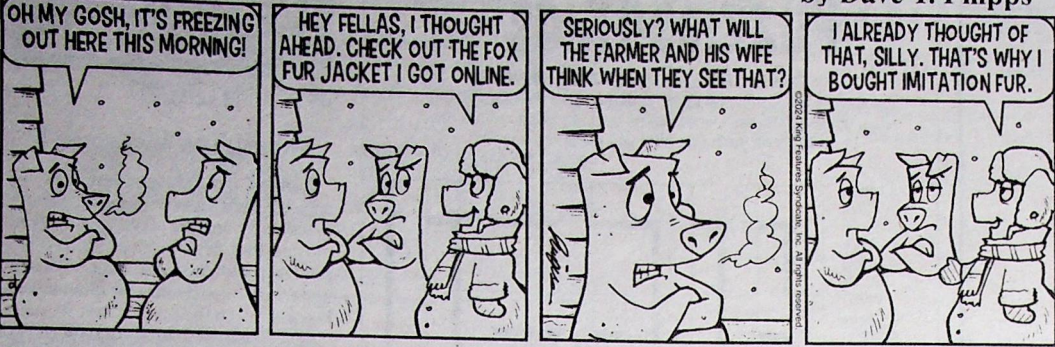


Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

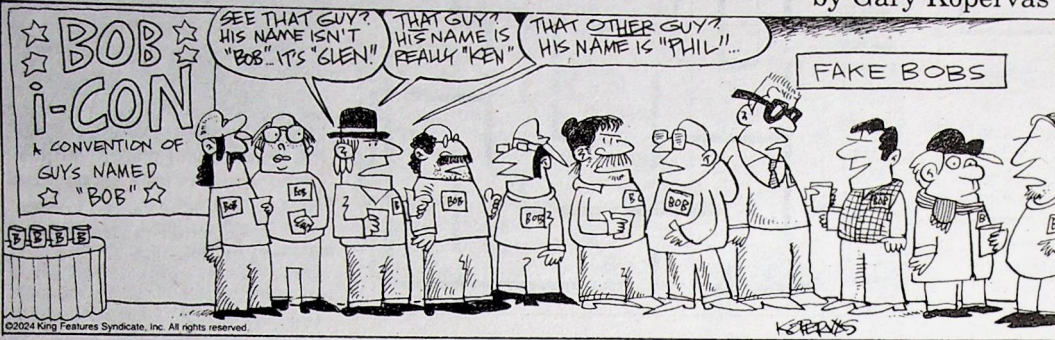


Amber Waves



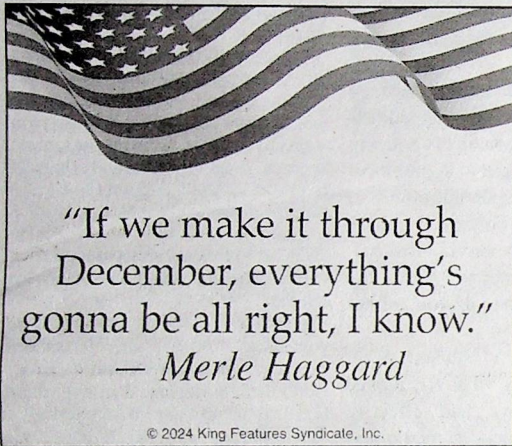
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Out on a Limb



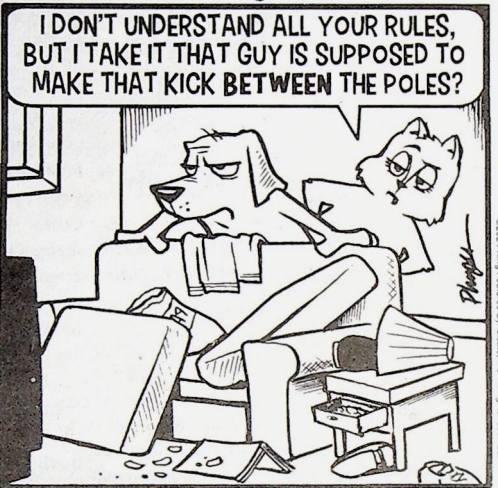
by Gary Kopervas

Americanisms



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Cringe
CREOIL

Expert
TAPED

Gripe
TABLE

Adorn
PARED

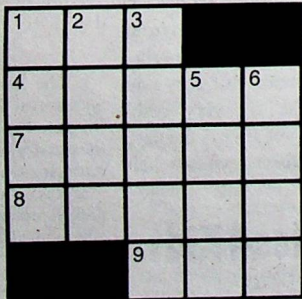
TODAY'S WORD

Micro Crossword

By Elizabeth C. Gorski

Across

- 1 Sound from a hot tub
4 Squeals
7 British nobles
8 Dancer and choreographer José ____
9 Lines on GPS displays



Down

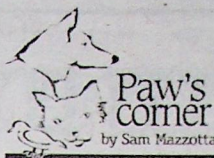
- 1 Genesis shepherd
2 Range in Kyrgyzstan
3 Out of ____ way (safe)
5 Remove excess lipstick
6 1040 IDs

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STREAMING SOURCE

Here's what to watch and where to watch it for the week of December 9, 2024

- ON NOW: "Fly Me To the Moon" (PG-13) -- AppleTV+
ON NOW: "Glitter & Greed: The Lisa Frank Story" (Docuseries) -- Prime Video
9-Dec: "The Great British Baking Show: Holidays" (Season 7) -- Netflix
10-Dec: "Jamie Foxx: What Had Happened Was..." (Comedy Special) -- Netflix
10-Dec: "The Real Full Monty" (Live Special Event) -- Hulu
11-Dec: "Queer Eye" (Season 9) -- Netflix
12-Dec: "Bookie" (Season 2) -- Max
12-Dec: "No Good Deed" (Season 1) -- Netflix
12-Dec: "Paris & Nicole: The Encore" (Season 1) -- Peacock
13-Dec: "Dexter: Original Sin" (Season 1) -- Paramount+ Showtime.



The Best Gift You Can Give Your Pet

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I read about a person who did not vaccinate their house cats, and after one of them got out, lost all of them to feline leukemia. I can relate to this person. I only have one cat, and I thought, for a while, that I could get away without vaccinating her. Fortunately, a friend convinced me otherwise.

It turns out that it doesn't take much to protect my baby when she depends on me to take care of her. I've never gone without just to pay for "Racquel's" vaccinations, and in turn, she is a healthy cat who brings so much companionship to my life. Please tell your readers not to skip this important annual appointment. -- Donna in Sioux Falls, South Dakota

DEAR DONNA: You told them, and I thank you. Vaccinating indoor pets can seem like a pricey extravagance, but it pales in comparison to the cost of treating the diseases that they can contract if they're not vaccinated.

To reduce the annual cost, check around for discounted shot clinics. These are usually held on specific dates and places -- pet supply stores, public buildings or participating veterinary clinics. However, these clinics often don't advertise extensively due to costs, so you may need to search a bit. Contact your city or county government to see if any clinics are being held nearby, or stop in to major pet supply retailers like Petco, which often sponsor shot clinics. If not, their workers often know about pet health clinics nearby.

These clinics offer required vaccinations and licenses, and sometimes have microchipping and a basic health exam available at a low fixed price per pet.

Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com.
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WORD LADDERS

Can you go from BRAID to GAINS in 6 words?
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

BRAID

GAINS

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1. Name the socially conscious international street soccer tournament that was first played in Graz, Austria, in 2003.

2. What nonprofit organization, dedicated to fostering an appreciation of American art and culture through the context of baseball history, inducts members into its Shrine of the Eternals?

3. In 1991, the New York Rangers traded Bernie Nicholls, Steven Rice and Louie DeBrusk to the Edmonton Oilers for what NHL player?

4. Scotty Cameron is famous in the golf industry for designing and crafting high-end pieces of what equipment?

5. Offensive lineman

Justin Strzelczyk, who died in 2004 after crashing his car in a high-speed police chase, played for what NFL team from 1990-98?

6. Name the Basketball Hall of Famer who ranks No. 2 on the NBA's career list for blocks with 3,289.

7. What women's softball league has the Coastal Bend Tidal Wave, the Hub City Adelitas, the Texas Monarchs and the Texas Smoke among its teams?

Answers

1. The Homeless World Cup.
2. The Baseball Reliquary.

3. Mark Messier.
4. Putters.

5. The Pittsburgh Steelers.

6. Dikembe Mutombo.
7. Women's Professional Fastpitch (WPF).

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WORD LADDER

Answer

GRIND, GRINS, GAINS

BRAID, BRAND, GRAND

SCRAMBLERS

solution

BEARD

Today's Word

3. Bleat; 4. Drape

1. Recoll; 2. Adept

solution

SCRAMBLERS

QUINCY

SUN

FUN

COUCH THEATER

BY DEMI TAVERAS

"Saturday Night" (R) — Director Jason Reitman ("Ghostbusters: Afterlife") takes on this biographical-drama film that centers around the premiere night of NBC's "Saturday Night," which would later be famously known as "Saturday Night Live." The film's ensemble cast is hefty, full of names like Willem Dafoe, Finn Wolfhard, Dylan O'Brien, and Kaia Gerber, but Gabriel LaBelle leads the film as none other than the creator of "SNL" himself, Lorne Michaels. Viewers get to watch as Michaels nervously attempts to rally his dysfunctional cast together for the pilot, while merciless executives wait in the wings and expect the show to flop majorly. Out now to rent. (Amazon Prime Video)

"Outer Banks: Season 4, Part 2" (TV-MA) — The second part of the latest season of "Outer Banks" is out now, completing the fourth season since the show's inception in 2020. During the first half of the season, our favorite group of Pogues managed to spend all of the earnings they spent three seasons trying to locate, while simultaneously diving headfirst into a new treasure hunt. JJ received some seriously shocking news, and Rafe, of course, is still up to no good trying to get his hands on some money. What awaits in the second half of the season will leave you on the edge of your seat, as the Pogues try to track the mysterious Blue Crown all the way to Morocco. This time, though, one of

our dear Pogues won't be returning. (Netflix)

"Megalopolis" (R) — The latest film from legendary Francis Ford Coppola ("The Godfather" trilogy) has quite a lore behind its creation. While Coppola originally conceptualized the idea for the film in 1977, the film spent decades in development hell and was only brought out of it when Coppola was able to put \$120 million of his own money toward the film. He also shot the film in an experimental style with lots of last-minute add-ins that cost him several of his crew members, including the art department and visual effects team. In the film, Adam Driver ("Ferrari") portrays Cesar Catilina, a genius architect in the futuristic city of New Rome who can stop time. However, Cesar has made many enemies throughout his time in New Rome, including new mayor Franklyn Cicero (Giancarlo Esposito). So, when a romantic connection ensues between Cesar and the mayor's daughter, Cesar's enemies triple, and his vision for the future of New Rome hangs in the balance. Out now to rent. (Apple TV+)

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Courtesy of MovieStillsDB

From left, Nathalie Emmanuel and Giancarlo Esposito star in "Megalopolis."

Contract Bridge

HOW WOULD YOU PLAY IT?

Contract — Four Spades.

Opening lead — ace of diamonds.

NORTH

♠ 3
♥ K Q 10 6 4
♦ Q 10 9 8 7 6 3
♣ —

WEST

♠ A 9 6 2
♥ 9 8 5
♦ A 4
♣ 10 8 7 6

EAST

♠ 4
♥ A J 7 3
♦ K J 2
♣ 9 5 4 3 2

SOUTH

♠ K Q J 10 8 7 5
♥ 2
♦ 5
♣ A K Q J

Assume you're declarer at four spades and West leads the ace and another diamond, which you ruff. You lead the ten of spades, which wins, and then the jack, taken by West with the ace. West shifts to a heart, won by East with the ace, and East returns the king of diamonds.

It doesn't matter whether you ruff high or low — in either case West sooner or later scores his nine of trump, and down you go. That's the story if you played the hand this way, but naturally there's more to it than that. The question is whether you can figure out how

to make the contract — and it can be made — now that you know how the East-West cards are divided.

As with most problems of this type, the solution is easy once you've seen it. If you'd like to work it out for yourself, stop reading right here; if not, here's the way it's done:

Obviously, you have to try to do something to keep West from getting a second trump trick. To that end, after ruffing the diamond jack at trick two, you should lead a club and trump it in dummy!

Now play the third round of diamonds and, when East produces the king, discard a heart (instead of ruffing). This hands East-West their second trick, but the only other one they can get is the ace of trump. East is out of diamonds, and there is nothing else he can return to injure you.

The effect of this "loser on loser" play is that it removes a potential threatening card (the king of diamonds) from East's hand at the same time as you dispose of a heart — which was a loser in any case.

It is not important that you wind up losing two diamond tricks instead of a heart and a diamond. What is important is that you lose only one trump trick instead of two.

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by Steve Becker

Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS — "WE" ARE HERE

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

3 Letters

OWE
WEB
WEE

4 Letters

EWES
WEST

5 Letters

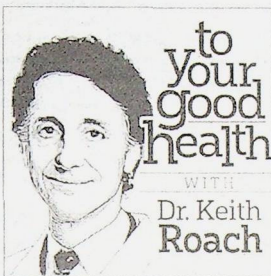
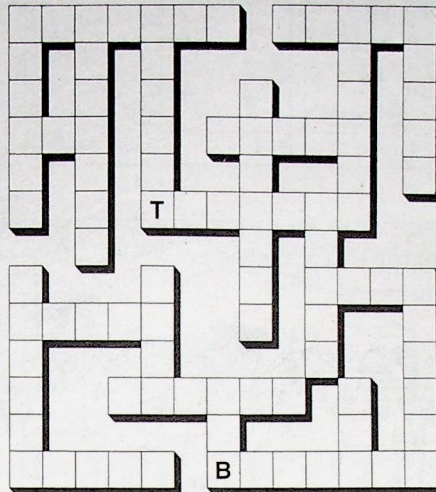
POWER
ROWED
SEWED
SWELL
TWEED
WEAVE

6 Letters

ANSWER
STEWED
SWEDEN
TWEETS
WEALTH
WEIGHT

7 Letters

ALLOWED
BETWEEN
DWELLED
LOWERED
TWELFTH



Rheumatoid Arthritis Patient Should Continue Biweekly Injections

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm a 67-year-old healthy male, but I do take Humira for rheumatoid arthritis (RA). It does a wonderful job for me with no side effects. It does such a good job that I can periodically extend the time between injections, such as one every three weeks instead of the recommended dose every two weeks. I can even go as long as six months between injections without noticing much of the RA symptoms.

My rheumatologist is aware of this and encourages me to use the lesser amount if I still get relief. My quandary is that I was recently talking to my gastroenterologist about Humira, and he said that they use a very similar drug for gastrointestinal issues. But apparently, you aren't supposed to stop taking it consecutively because the body will become immune to the drug, and the drug can lose its effectiveness.

Naturally, I don't want to lose the great relief I am lucky to be getting, but I also know it's a strong drug. It seems that the less I take of it, the better. -- J.C.

ANSWER: I share your gastroenterologist's concern. He may be thinking of a similar medication, vedolizumab (Entyvio). When this drug is stopped in someone with Crohn's disease, it will cause a flare-up in about half of the cases within six months. In a third of them, the medication will no longer be effective.

The situation is similar with adalimumab (Humira), as there is the possibility of a relapse if you stop it entirely. Taking it every three weeks led to a flare-up in 36% of people who had their disease well-controlled for years.

The researchers were unable to identify any way to predict who would flare up. Restarting Humira regained control for over half of the study participants -- but not everybody.

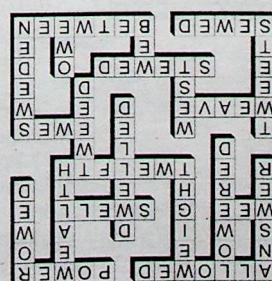
I do understand that these are powerful medicines with side effects. Even if you aren't noticing any, many people will, and there can be very serious side effects to many organs. Fortunately, these are uncommon, and in most cases, it is far better to stay on the medicine, as long as you are being monitored.

As a medical student, I remember seeing what RA looked like before we had effective medications such as methotrexate and TNF inhibitors like Humira. Years of inflammation caused terrible hand deformities, mostly in the women I saw. Since you aren't having any side effects, and it is working well, I don't recommend the three-week dosing -- and certainly not six months between doses.

DR. ROACH WRITES: A recent column on hair loss and thyroid disease prompted many readers to write me with their experiences. One reader noted that increasing protein in their diet seemed to slow down hair loss and even cause some regrowth. Another reader recommended biotin. I often recommend this as a trial, despite a lack of good evidence that it works. Biotin is a B-type vitamin that is very safe, although it can interfere with a lab assay when it comes to thyroid levels and other hormone levels.

Note that both hair loss and thyroid disease are very common, and it is not always the case that thyroid disease causes hair loss.

Puzzles4Kids Answer



SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Rebuilding lost muscle

Some of the facts are scary: As we age, we lose muscle mass. The more inactive we are, the more we lose. The muscle loss began at age 30, but we probably didn't really notice it until age 60 or later. Eventually the muscle loss can reach the point where we cannot take care of our daily activities.

The good news — and clinical trials have proven it — is that we can get some of that muscle back and slow the decline.

Strength training, also called resistance training, involves using weights, machines or stretchy bands to build muscles. Whether it's done in a gym or at home, building muscles helps us reduce the risk of falls, fractures and hospitalizations.

Don't do this on your own, however, especially if you have health conditions. Ask your doctor about any physical cautions. Ask about the amounts of muscle-building protein to add to your diet and specifically how to get that.

If you live in a "no sun all winter" climate, ask about taking a vitamin D supplement or using a sunlamp several times per week.

Check your Medicare Advantage Part C plan, if you have one, to see if it includes a membership in Silver Sneakers. If so, that will get you access to a gym and classes for seniors on yoga, weight training and others. If you have an AARP/United Healthcare plan, investigate their Renew Active program. If don't have an Advantage plan, ask your local gyms if they have special programs and discount fees for seniors.

If all those avenues are closed to you, there is always the internet and exercises you can do at home. "Senior strength workout" or "weight training for seniors" are good search terms on YouTube.

Again, don't do this on your own. Get advice from your doctor before you embark on an exercise plan or a big change in your diet. And don't give up. Rebuilding lost muscle is worth it.

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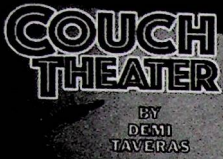
1. Name the group that released "Up On the Roof."
2. Name the singer-songwriter who released "Everything Is Beautiful."
3. Which artist released "Little Bitty Tear"?
4. What was the subject of "Another Day in Paradise," by Phil Collins?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Make me feel that you still love me. If it's just, if it's just for one more day."

Answers

1. The Drifters, in 1962. The song appears on the list of "The Songs That Shaped Rock and Roll," created by the curator of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame museum in Cleveland.
2. Ray Stevens, in 1970. The song picked up two Grammy awards and was played on a variety of radio stations, from adult-contemporary to country. It was heard around the globe, from Australia to Canada to Belgium.
3. Burl Ives, in 1961.
4. Problems of the homeless. The song was controversial but still topped the charts in several countries.
5. "Break It to Me Gently," by Brenda Lee, in 1962. The song topped the adult charts in both the U.S. and Canada and was used at the end of season 2 of "Mad Men" in 2008.

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"The Wild Robot" (PG) — This animated sci-fi film became the fourth-highest-grossing film of 2024, garnering \$309.7 million against a \$78 million cost. A sequel for the film is already in development following its great commercial success, with critics praising its watercolor animation style and emotional storytelling. Lupita Nyong'o ("A Quiet Place: Day One") lends her voice to portray Roz, a service robot who gets shipwrecked on an island that seems to be the antithesis of her technological make-up. But as Roz befriends the local wildlife in the area, including Fink the fox (Pedro Pascal) and Brightbill the goose (Kit Connor), she not only figures out how to exist on the island — she also finds her home. Out now to rent. (Amazon Prime Video)

"Conclave" (PG) — The magnetic yet terrifying Ralph Fiennes ("The Menu") stars in this mystery-thriller film based on the 2016 novel by Robert Harris. (Although with a PG rating, how thrilling can it really be?) In the film, Cardinal Thomas Lawrence (Fiennes) is tasked with leading the papal conclave to select the new pope, after the current Pope dies of a heart attack. With four candidates to choose from but none who really strikes a chord with the College of Cardinals, Lawrence must hold vote after vote until the cardinals decide on who will be the most powerful man in the Catholic church. Between these votes, plenty of shady politics and secrets transpire. Stanley Tucci and John Lithgow co-star in "Conclave," out now to rent. (Apple TV+)

"Dear Santa" (PG-13) — Jack

Black ("Borderlands") leads this Christmas comedy movie, co-starring Keegan-Michael Key ("Transformers One") and Jason Alexander ("Stealing Pulp Fiction"). "Dear Santa" follows a young boy named Liam, who accidentally makes a crucial spelling error when writing his annual Christmas letter to Santa. Instead of being delivered to the North Pole, the letter gets delivered to literal hell as it is, indeed, addressed to Satan. So, when the horned devil appears to grant him three wishes, rather than the jolly old man he was expecting, he knows he's in for quite an adventure. Out now. (Paramount+)



From left, Diane Keaton, Kathy Bates and Alfie Woodard star in "Summer Camp."

"Summer Camp" (PG-13) — Nothing keeps Diane Keaton ("Maybe I Do") from a comedy film about a group of older women, as evidenced by her starring in this film from the same producers of her other buddy-comedy franchise "Book Club." In "Summer Camp," Keaton plays Nora, who is best friends with Ginny (Kathy Bates) and Mary (Alfie Woodard), and their trio used to spend every summer as kids at sleepaway camp together. Although they're now much older than your normal camper, when they get the opportunity to attend a summer camp reunion, the women see it as a rare chance to bond and reminisce on their glory days. Eugene Levy, Josh Peck and Nicole Richie co-star in the film, out on Dec. 6. (Hulu)

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Contract Bridge

POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ Q 5 3
♥ —
♦ A 10 9 6
♣ A Q J 10 9 4

WEST

♠ 10 9 2
♥ 10 8 6 5 2
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ 5

EAST

♠ A J 8 7 4
♥ A J 3
♦ 5 4
♣ 8 7 2

SOUTH

♠ K 6
♥ K Q 9 7 4
♦ J 8 2
♣ K 6 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	1 ♣	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 NT	

Opening lead — ten of spades.

Assume you reach three notrump as shown and West leads the ten of spades. When you play low from dummy, East signals with the eight, and you win the trick with the king. This gives you eight sure winners, and the question is what to play at trick two (remembering, of course, that you can see only the North-South cards).

There are two lines of play that stand out. One is to lead the queen of hearts, discarding a diamond from dummy; the other is to lead the eight of diamonds, planning to finesse.

Actually, one of these plays is demonstrably right, and the other is demonstrably wrong. Nevertheless, it's easy to make the wrong play — which is to lead a diamond instead of a heart at trick two.

The great attraction of the diamond lead is that you plan to finesse into the nondangerous hand. East, who cannot advantageously return a spade. However, this reasoning is unsound, since if the diamond loses to East, he will presumably return a heart. If West has the ace, he will win and return a spade through dummy's Q-5, and down you go.

You should conclude, therefore, that the contract cannot be made unless East has the heart ace, and on that basis, you should simply lead the heart queen at trick two.

In the actual deal, if you lead a diamond at trick two, West plays the queen, and the contract is defeated whatever you do next.

The bottom line is that no matter how the diamonds are divided, the contract fails if West has the ace of hearts, and you should proceed accordingly.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

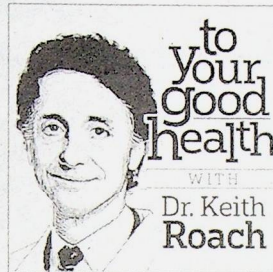
Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

X I B U E J E U I F F M F Q I B O U

X B O U G P S D I S J T U N B T ?

B U S V O L G V M M P G U P Z T



Cardiologist Doesn't Recommend Over-the-Counter Sleep Aids

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am an 81-year-old man in reasonably good health. When I had trouble falling asleep, I would take a swig of Zzzquil, which worked perfectly every time. However, since then, my cardiologist told me to stop taking such products, so I turned to 5-mg tablets of melatonin in the evening to help induce drowsiness. Sometimes it worked, and sometimes it didn't.

One night, after I had three beers, I also took two gelscaps of Gas-X to alleviate the bloated feeling just before bed. It was about an hour or so after the melatonin, and I quickly dozed off to sleep. Since then, I noticed that if I awoken in the night and take another Gas-X, I shortly doze off again and have remarkable, complex dreams. Is this self-protocol of mine medically unsound in any way? -- W.G.

ANSWER: There's a lot going on here. First off, I completely agree with your cardiologist that the sleep aid you were taking, like most over-the-counter sleep aids, contains diphenhydramine, an antihistamine that sedates some people. The problem with this medicine is that the quality of sleep isn't good for many people. It also increases the risk of falls in older people and the risk of motor vehicle accidents in people who drive. It's not a good choice for older adults.

Melatonin is safer and has fewer side effects, one of them being vivid dreams. However, 5 mg is a big dose. I usually recommend 0.5-1 mg in my older patients. Gas-X (simethicone) isn't absorbed into the body and shouldn't cause vivid dreams. A search found no reports of abnormal dreams with simethicone, so it was almost certainly the melatonin that caused the dreams. Maybe Gas-X allowed you to sleep while the melatonin was

still around enough to give you vivid dreams.

In addition, three beers on a regular basis are more than what is considered healthy for anyone, and a man in his 80s will be affected by three beers much more than a younger man of the same size.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Seven years ago, I went to the emergency room and was told I had blood clots in my arms that traveled to my lungs. I started Eliquis. The doctor said I had a problem with factor V, but I don't have my blood results. Do I need to stay on this blood thinner? I know it has severe side effects. -- M.T.

ANSWER: Factor V is a protein that is critical in making clots, and an abnormality in this protein can make a person bleed (although this is very rare).

What's more common is a condition called factor V Leiden (FVL), which makes the body resistant to the activated protein C, a natural anticoagulant. (Anticoagulants decrease blood-clotting and are sometimes referred to as "blood thinners.") So, the net effect of FVL is that it makes blood clots a little more likely. Many people have FVL, but most will not develop a blood clot.

However, you apparently developed blood clots in both arms that caused the clots to move to the lungs, which are called pulmonary emboli. Determining the duration of therapy takes clinical judgment. Because you had clots in your arms rather than your legs, had a pulmonary embolus, and have FVL, some experts would treat you for the rest of your lifetime.

I wouldn't say that Eliquis has severe side effects. Because it reduces blood-clotting, there is a chance of bleeding. For most people with a low to average risk of bleeding, the likelihood is on the order of 1% to 2% per year. If the risk of a life-threatening clot is higher than the risk of bleeding, then continued anticoagulation is preferred.

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Puzzles4Kids

Answer

A trunk full of toys
Want for Christmas?
What did the elephant

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

How To Plan for Emergencies

The government has a comprehensive website full of information on how to prepare for emergencies, power outages, hurricanes, floods — nearly everything you can imagine. Should a disaster occur, we'll be better off if we plan in advance.

On www.ready.gov, the section on supplies to keep on hand is a good place to start.

Click on "Build A Kit" for a list of suggested emergency items to keep on hand. The list of items they suggest you keep is extensive, so pick and choose the ones that pertain to you.

Here is a list of things I've put in my emergency stash, since I live in an area with all-too-frequent power outages.

Cash — Even if I can get to an ATM, if there's a power outage that goes on for several days, the ATM won't work.

Phone charger/backup battery — The one I have from a big-box store cost approximately \$25 and will fully charge my cellphone three or four times. It has 10,000 mAh capacity, with 20W delivery, and can charge two devices at the same time.

Food — I mark the top of cans and boxes with the expiration date and rotate supplies so nothing expires.

Pet supplies — Include food and any medication your pet might be on.

Jugs of water — You need 1 gallon per person per day.

Manual can opener

Paper plates and plastic utensils

Flashlight and extra batteries — Consider getting a few small camp lights from a big-box store. Don't use candles.

Prescription meds — Stay ahead with necessary medicines, if you can. Chances are you can't get a refill on your 90-day prescription, for example, until 10 days or so before you're due to run out. Still, go ahead and head to the pharmacy as soon as you can to make sure you have it.

Be sure to check the weather news every day so you can see what's coming.



1. What was "Band of Gold" about?
2. Name the group that released "Love Don't Live Here Anymore."
3. Who was Big Bad John in the song of that name?
4. "Born to Be Wild" was best known for being used in which film?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "As we walk along and I hold her hand, I may never even speak. But my love is strong and she understands."

Answers

1. Freda Payne's 1970 hit (a song she didn't even want to record) was about a newly married couple who end up sleeping in separate rooms.
2. Rose Royce, in 1976. The song was one of the first to use a Pollard Syntrum, an electric drum with reverb. The song only reached 32 on the Hot 100 chart, but reached single digits in several countries such as New Zealand and Ireland.
3. He was a miner who saved others when a mine caved in.
4. The Steppenwolf hit was used in "Easy Rider" in 1969.
5. "Still Waters Run Deep," by Brook Benton, in 1962. The song appeared on Benton's "Golden Hits Volume 2" album, along with "Hotel Happiness" and "Lie to Me." Benton (born Benjamin Franklin Peay in Lugoff, South Carolina) died of pneumonia in 1988.

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by Steve Becker

Tree Lighting Ceremony Kicks Off Holiday Season

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE - including dozens of families with youngsters of all ages - turned out for the city's annual Tree Lighting ceremony at the Hancock-Adams Common Nov. 29. Shown here is one of two Christmas trees decorated with colorful lights near City Hall. The event featured a sing-along, costumed characters and a visit by that jolly old elf, Santa. Adding to the festive atmosphere: a soap-making machine that mimicked snow falling.

Quincy Sun Photos/Robert Bosworth



JAMES R. McINTIRE GOVERNMENT Center (old City Hall) is decorated with red and green holiday wreaths and projected white snow flakes as Grammy-nominated recording artist Michelle Brooks Thompson and Band entertain at the city's Tree Lighting Nov. 29.



COSTUMED CHARACTERS were popular with families who posed for photos at the Nov. 29th Tree Lighting ceremony at the Hancock-Adams Common.



A COSTUMED CHARACTER makes his way in the Hancock-Adams Common to greet youngsters at the city's annual Tree Lighting ceremony Nov. 29. More photos on Page 39.



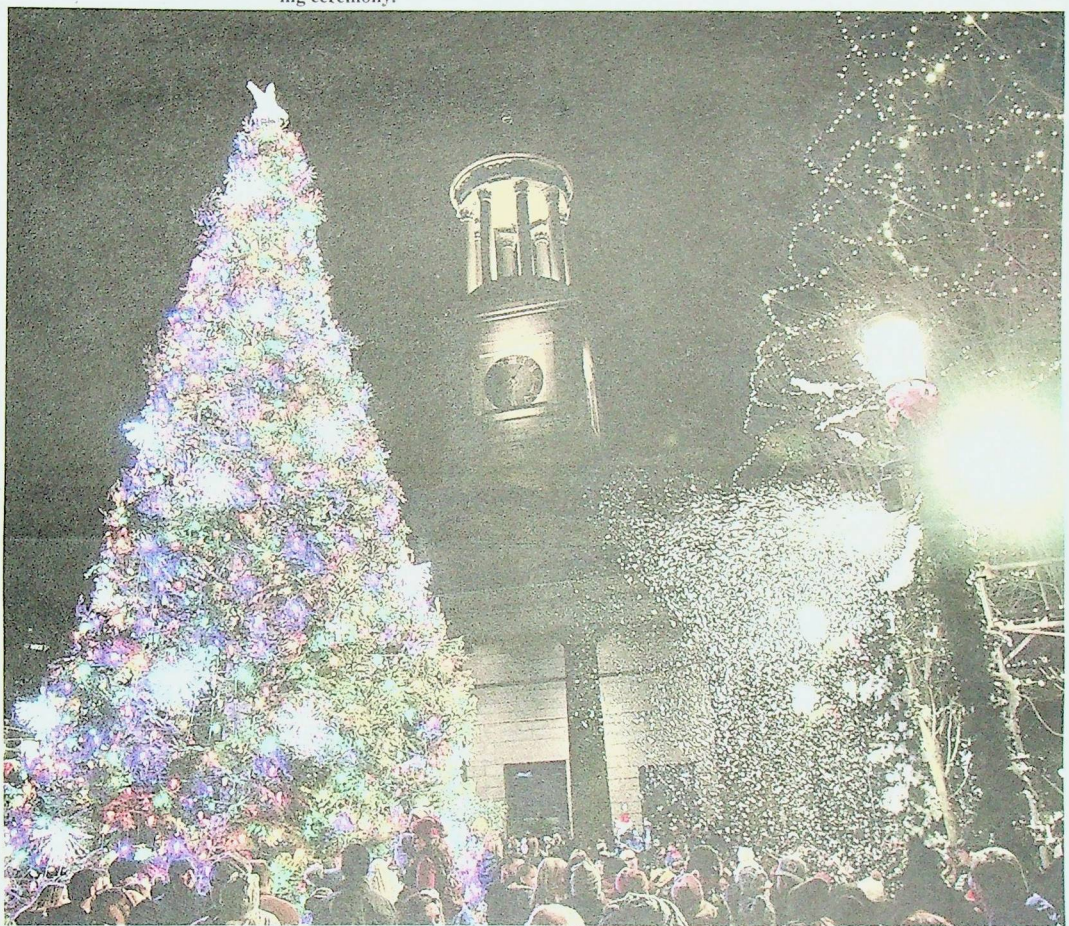
CANDY CANE PRINCESS (Siena Moon), one of two stilted holiday characters at the City of Quincy's annual Tree Lighting ceremony Nov. 29 - joins in the holiday sing-along at the Hancock-Adams Common.



STROLLING VICTORIAN CAROLERS take part in the holiday sing-along at the Tree Lighting ceremony.



YOUNGSTER APPEARS FASCINATED by a snow-flake (soap) making machine at the Tree Lighting ceremony.



SNOW-FLAKE MACHINE (soap suds) adds to the wonderment of a festive holiday scene with of a brightly decorated Christmas tree in the Hancock-Adams Common at the Nov. 29 Tree Lighting ceremony.

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THREE YOUNGSTERS wearing pretty holiday clothing enjoy the snow flakes (soap) that fell during the Tree Lighting ceremony. From left to right are Ayslin (age 4), Aurora (age 3) and Suri (age 4) who have been friends since they were babies.



TALIA THE CANDY CANE QUEEN with Cirque de Light was another stilted holiday character at the tree lighting.



SANTA CLAUS and his many helpers gather after he arrived by helicopter at Pageant Field Nov. 30. Santa and his helpers then spent time greeting the hundreds of children who turned out to watch him land.



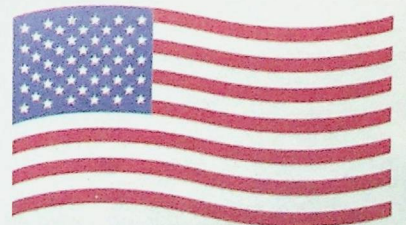
IT'S "THUMBS UP" with (from left to right) Brooke, Blake, Sadie, Brynn and Santa after the jolly old elf arrived by helicopter at Pageant Field Nov. 30. More photos in the Dec. 12th issue of *The Quincy Sun*. Quincy Sun Photos/Larry Carchedi



GENERALS BRIDGE & PARK TREE LIGHTING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 | 5:00 P.M.

Corner of Dunford Drive & McConville Way

Mayor Thomas P. Koch and the City of Quincy invite families of currently serving service men & women from Quincy to fill out a ribbon on the evening of the event with your service person's name. The Christmas Tree in the Generals Park will be decorated with each ribbon.



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